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OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Held in Newbern on the 24th of April, 1817, and in Fayetteville on the 2nd of April, 1818.

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MINUTES, &c.

PRESENT—The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville; the Rev. J. Curtis Clay, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern; the Rev. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington; John Stanly and John S. West, Esquires, Delegates from Christ's Church, Newbern; John Winslow, Esq., Delegate from St. John's Church, Fayetteville; Josiah Collins, Jr., Esq., Representative from St. Paul's Church, Edenton; John R. London and Marsden Campbell, Esquires, Delegates from St. James' Church, Wilmington.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Judd was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. Mr. Empie, Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Clay be requested to perform divine service, and the Rev. Mr. Judd to deliver a sermon this forenoon.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Judd, the Rev. Mr. Clay, and the Rev. Mr. Empie, together with Mr. Jno. Stanly and Mr. John R. London, be appointed a committee to draw up and present to this meeting, a Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State.

Adjourned until one o'clock.

Divine service having been performed, the Clergy and Lay Delegates convened according to adjournment, the committee presented the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

- 2. There shall be an annual Convention of this Church, on the second Thursday after Easter, at such place as shall be fixed by each preceding Convention.
- 3. The Convention shall be composed of such regularly ordained ministers as are settled in this State—such as are employed as professors or instructors of youth in incorporated seminaries—of such as are missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of one or more Lay Delegates for each Church, chosen by the Vestry or Congregation thereof.
- 4. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the ecclesiastical authority of the Church.
- 5. A president shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, who shall, ex officio, be president of said Convention.
- 3. A secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give due notice to each minister and vestry, of the time and place of the next meeting of the Convention.
- 7. A standing committee shall be annually chosen, of not less than three or more than seven persons, who shall have power to admit candidates for the ministry; and until a Bishop shall have been appointed, to examine the testimonials of foreign clergymen, to call special meetings of the Convention, and to transact all such other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.
- 8. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body, and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals, and the laity by congregations; but if in any case it be required by two votes, the two orders shall vote separately, and a concurrence shall be necessary to constitute a decision.
- 9. The election of a Bishop of this Diocess shall be made in Convention in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman for that office—and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice; provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the attending members, at any annual meeting of the Convention.

[Signed]

BETHEL JUDD, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville. ADAM EMPIE,

Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington. J. CURTIS CLAY,

Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern. JOHN WINSLOW,

Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, Fayetteville. MARSDEN CAMPBELL,

JOHN R. LONDON, Lay Delegates from St. James' Church, Wilmington. JOHN STANLY, JOHN S. WEST,

Lay Delegates from Christ's Church, Newbern.
JOSIAH COLLINS, JR.,

Representative St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

The preceding Constitution having been unanimously adopted and signed, the Rev. Mr. Judd was duly elected President, and the Rev. Mr. Empie, Secretary, for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were chosen, also, to compose the standing committee—of the clergy, the Rev. Mr. Judd, Mr. Clay and Mr. Empie; and of the laity, Messrs. John S. West of Newbern, John Winslow of Fayetteville, John B. Blount of Edenton, and Marsden Campbell of Wilmington.

On motion, Resolved, That a copy of the Constitution now adopted, together with the proceedings of this Convention, be, by the Secretary, certified to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, with a request that, agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution, the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State, may be recognized and admitted to representation.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, the Bishop of Virginia, be invited to visit and perform the Episcopal offices in this State, agreeably to the 20th canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Resolved, That the President of the Convention present this invitation to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore, together with a copy of the Constitution and proceedings of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Judd and Mr. Moses Jarvis, of Newbern, be appointed Delegates to the ensuing General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be holden at Fayetteville.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The preceding minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary cause 200 copies of the Constitution to be printed, and that he distribute the same, equally, among the congregations here represented.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Rectors of the several Churches cause an annual collection, in their respective Churches, for the support of a Missionary in this State; and that the same be a fund subject to the order of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Clay be a committee to select or to draw up such canons as he may deem most expedient, and to report the same to the next Convention.

[Signed]

BETHEL JUDD,

President of the Convention.

Attested,

ADAM EMPIE, Secretary.

FAYETTEVILLE, April 2d, 1818.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina, divine service was performed by the Rev. John Avery, and a discourse, suited to the occasion, delivered by the Rev. A. Empie—after which the holy communion was also administered.

Public worship being ended, the Rev. Mr. Empie was re-elected Secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Judd President of the Convention.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the following clerical members of the Convention were found present:

Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville;

Rev. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington;

Rev. John Avery, from St. Paul's Church, Edenton; Rev. Richard S. Mason, from Christ's Church, Newbern. The Rev. John Phillips, from Virginia, being present,

was admitted to an honorary seat.

The following lay delegates likewise presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted accordingly, viz: John Winslow and John A. Cameron, Esq'rs, from St John's Church, Fayetteville; Dr. Armand J. DeRosset and Marsden Campbell, Esq., from St. James' Church, Wilmington; Josiah Collins, Jr., Esq., from St. Paul's Church, Edenton; and John W. Guion, from Christ's Church, Newbern.

A church having been organized in Orange county, by the name of St. Jude's Church, (at the Union meeting-house near Stony Creek,) and application being made by the same to be received into union with our Convention—Resolved, unanimously, That the same be admitted. Whereupon, Robert Davis, presenting the certificate of his appointment as a lay delegate from said church, was admitted as such to a seat in the Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Judd, Empie, Mason and Avery, be a committee to report, during this Convention, upon the state of the church.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the forenoon were read and approved. In compliance with the 46th canon, the canons of the General Convention were read.

The Standing Committee being called upon, laid before the house the report of their last year's transactions, which was read and accepted. It was then moved and carried that the lay members of the Standing Committee be, for the present year, selected from Fayetteville; that the whole number of the committee be seven, and that the Revs. Messrs. Judd and Empie be the clerical, and Messrs. J. Winslow, J. A. Cameron, P. I. Tillinghast, Sr., C. Mallet and N. Kershaw, be the lay members of the same.

In conformity with his last year's appointment, the Rev. Mr. Judd informed the Convention that the Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, of Virginia, had consented to perform Episcopal offices in this State; that indisposition prevented him from attending this Convention; and that he was ready to visit the congregations in this Diocess, either in summer or in

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Missionary Society be also the Treasurer of the Convention.

Resolved, also, That the Committee on the State of the Church be requested to select, or compose, such canons as they may deem necessary for its government and welfare.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The committee appointed to report upon the state of the Church, then laid the following before the house, which was approved and ordered to be printed with the Journal:

The Committee on the State of the Church regret that their limited means of information compel them to make a very imperfect report on the subject submitted to their con-

sideration.

In November, 1816, the Rev. Bethel Judd, of the Diocess of Connecticut, and the Rev. A. Empie, of the Diocess of New York, being deprived of health, and advised to change their climate, met at Wilmington, and during the subsequent winter officiated in the church in that place. Previously to their arrival there was no Episcopal clergyman in this State, and but one congregation in which the worship of our Church was performed. By their joint endeavors, however, together with the aid of the pious and zealous members of the congregation at Wilmington, under the blessing of God, piety and devout attention to religious ordinances rapidly increased. Since the first of the following May the charge of the congregation has devolved entirely upon its present Rector, the Rev. A. Empie, whose ministrations have been greatly blessed to his own comfort, to the satisfaction of his christian friends and we trust to the glory of God.

On the first of May, 1817, the Rev. B. Judd removed his station to the charge of a congregation which, on the preceding Easter Monday, had by him been organized in Fayetteville. The zeal of that congregation, of which young men formed a principal part, has been eminently evinced by their regular and devout attention to the worship of the Church; by their liberal contributions for the support of their minister; by their donations and exertions for the erection of a church, which will soon be completed, and which, when completed, will be equal perhaps, in point of elegance, to any in the State.

About the first of January, 1817, the Rev. Mr. Clay took charge of the church at Newbern, and by his assiduity and talents gave great hopes of extensive usefulness; but circumstances inducing his removal to the Diocess of Maryland, cast a gloom for a time over the prospects, and damped the zeal of the friends of Zion. A seasonable relief, however, is anticipated from the talents and zealous efforts of the Rev. Mr. Mason, who has recently commenced his labore in that congregation, with every prospect of success.

The Rev. Mr. Avery, having for some time taught an academy, and performed the duties of lay reader, at Edenton, was ordained in October last, and now officiates as the minister of that congregation, which, though not numerous, gives good evidence of its desire to promote religion, particularly by a very generous contribution for the support of missionaries in this State; an object in which all the friends of our Church should feel a deep interest, and to which we cherish the hope that they will be liberal to the utmost ex-

It is cause of gratitude that so much has already been raised for missionary purposes; and that a clergyman, of whose piety and zeal we have the best evidence, is soon to be employed to visit vacant congregations, and to give every possible aid to revive the drooping spirits of the friends of our Zion who are dispersed over the whole State, who retain strong predilections for the church of their fathers, and who hail with joy the present prospect of its revival.

tent of their means.

But there is no circumstance more animating and cheer. Cauge to the friends of religion that to ing to the friends of religion than to learn that five gentlemen, of whose qualifications we have no right to doubt, have, on application, been admitted as candidates for holy orders.

It is now but little more than a year since there has been a hope of the revival of the Church in this State. Never was there a more gloomy season to its friends than that which preceded this period. But the prospect has greatly brightened; and by the blessing of Heaven, perseverance will crown their efforts with abundant success. God hath been gracious to us in hearing the prayers of his Church, and inspiring, with reanimated zeal and hope, those who love to tread her courts and worship at her sacred altars.

Much, however, remains still to be done. Prevailing lukewarmness is yet to be deplored, and while the harvest is very great, the laborers are very few. Every pious soul should, therefore, fervently pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Let, then, our supplications be fervent and unceasing that

our Heavenly Father would save us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice; that the comfortable gaspel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received and truly followed in all places, to the breaking down of the kingdom of Sin, Satan and Death, until at length the whole of his dispersed sheep are gathered together in one fold, and become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The committee having presented the above report, in compliance with their appointment, laid also before the Convention the following Canons, which were likewise adopted and ordered to be printed with the Journals:

CANON I.

OF PRESENTMENTS.

Every trial of a clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the clergyman belongs, or by three or more presbyters of the Church In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

For the trial of a clergyman, the Bishop shall appoin three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for tryin the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time an place of trial; of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or re fuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The board, thus cor stituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, an of every question and proceeding that comes before then No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less tha two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, shoul the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall b administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unan mous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having com to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, th board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentenc which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certifie copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid befor the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.

OF THE SENTENCE TO BE PRONOUNCED ON A CLERGYMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MISBEHAVIOUR.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the State.

A letter was then read from the Secretaries of the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing to alter the time of the meeting of the General Convention, from the third Tuesday in May to the first Tuesday in October, 1823. Whereupon, Resolved, That the proposed alteration be, and is hereby approved.

The clergy were called upon to report their missionary collections and the state of their churches, which were as follows:

MISSIONARY FUND.

Collected at Edenton, by the Rev. Mr. Avery,...... \$194 00 Collected at Wilmington, by the Rev. A. Empie,... 122 30

From the peculiar circumstances of the Churches, and from other causes acknowledged to be sufficient, no collections have been made at Fayetteville or Newbern; and from Newbern, and Edenton also, there were no parochial reports, as those churches have but very recently been supplied with pastors. The reports received from the two remaining churches are as follows:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

REV. BETHEL JUDD, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	10
Communicants	. 28
Marriages, Burials	. 4
Burials	2

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

REV. A. EMPIE, RECTOR.

Number of communicants at present,	140
Of which number 8 are Africans Increase of communicants since May last,	43
Baptisms in the same period,	
Of these 4 were adults.	
Funerals in the same period,	36
Of which 8 were strangers.	
Marriages,	12

On motion, Resolved, That the Clergy be requested to visit, as often as convenient, the vacant parishes in their respective

neighborhoods.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Judd, Mason, Avery and Émpie, be appointed as clerical, and Messrs. John Winslow, of Fayetteville, Josiah Collins, Jr., of Edenton, John Stanly, of Newbern, and Marsden Campbell, of Wilmington, as lay delegates to the next General Conven-

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Empie, for the discourse delivered by him at the opening of the Convention.
On motion, Resolved, That three hundred copies of the

Journal of this Convention be printed.

The hour appointed for divine service having arrived, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The preceding minutes were read and approved.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held at Wilmington.

 ${f Adjourned}.$

BETHEL JUDD, President of the Convention.

Attested.

A. Empie, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name or title of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church North Carolina.

Church in North Carolina.

2. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society at the same time and place at which the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North Carolina for that year may be held.

year may be held.

3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Man-

agers, consisting of four.

4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Society, and to call special meetings of the same.

5. The Vice-Presidents, by seniority, shall in the absence, or at the request of the President, perform the duties of President.

6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of this Society, and conduct the necessary correspondence.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all mouies, keep an account of the same, and pay them by order of the Board of Managers.

8. The Board of Managers, consisting of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopai Church, shall appoint Missionaries, to superintend their missionary labors, and authorize them to receive such compensation for their services as the Board shall deem expedient. When the funds will permit it, they may aid young men who are studying for the ministry, and who shall, in such case after they take orders, be bound to act as Missionaries as long as the Board think proper, provided that it exceed not one year.

9. Persons shall be appointed, in various parts of the State, to solicit such aid for the support of Missionaries as the pious and well-disposed may be inclined to contribute, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer, together with the

names of subscribers.

10. Each person whose subscription may amount to two dollars annually, shall be considered a member of said Society. Twenty dollars shall entitle a subscriber to membership for life.

11. This Constitution may be altered or amended by ϵ vote of two-thirds of the attending members at any annua meeting of the Society.

12. The members attending shall always constitute a quo

rum for the transaction of business.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1821.

DUNCAN CAMERON, Esq., of Orange County, President

JOSIAH COLLINS, Jr., Esq., of Edenton, A. J. DEROSSET, M. D., of Wilmington, PARIS J. TILLINGHAST, of Fayetteville, Vice Presidents

REV. JOHN AVERY, R. S. MASON, and Managers. G. T. BEDELL,

JOHN HUSKE, of Fayetteville, Treasurer. Rev. G. T. BEDELL, Secretary.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of North Carolina, commencing on Thursday the 22d of April, A. D. 1819. Held in St. James' Church, in the Town of Wilmington.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and an appropriate and impressive discourse delivered by the Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocesses of Virginia and North Carolina.

After the congregation was dismissed, the chair was taken by the Bishop at 12 o'clock, and the following clergy appeared and took their seats:

Rev'd Adam Empie, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington;

John Phillips, Rector of Trinity Church, Tarboro; John Avery. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton; Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. Johns' Church, Fayetteville:

Richard S. Mason, Minister of Christ Church, Newbern.

The following lay delegates, then exhibited certificates of their several appointments, and were accordingly admitted to seats in the Convention:

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Christ's Church, Newbern, St. Jude's Church, Orange County,

Thomas Callender, of Thomas Wright.
John Winslow,
John A. Cameron.
Moses Jarvis.
Robert Davis.

Josiah Collins, Jr., Esq., from St. Paul's Church, Edenton, was prevented from attending this Convention by sickness in his family, and Duncan Cameron, Esq., from St.

Mary's Church, Orange county, by a fall from his horse which injured him severely.

Rev'd Adam Empie, being obliged from indisposition to decline the office of secretary to this Convention, the Rev'd

Gregory Townsend Bedell was duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Bedell, it was resolved, that Students of Divinity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in Wilmington during the session of the Convention, and are not members thereof, be admitted to its sittings

Agreeably to this resolution, Mr. William Hooper, professor of the languages in the University of North Carolina, The other Students of Divinity appeared and took his seat.

are severally lay delegates from different Churches.

It was then moved by Mr. Empie, and carried, that the town of Fayetteville, as being the most central position, be fixed upon as the place from which the Standing Committee should be elected for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, Rev'd Adam Empie, Rev'd Gregory T. Bedell, Mr. John Winslow, John A. Cameron, Paris I. Tillinghast, Sen., Charles Mallet and Newman Kershaw, were duly elected.

Application having been made by the Vestry of Trinity Church, Tarborough, to be admitted into union with this Convention, said Church, agreeably to the 3d article of the Constitution, was admitted.

The Episcopal congregation in the town of Williamsborough, Granville county, was also regularly admitted into union with this Convention, whereupon Mr. William Green, having exhibited his certificate of appointment as Lay Delegate of the same, was admitted to a seat.

The letter of Thomas H. Blount, Esq., to the Rev. John Phillips, on the subject of building a church in the town of Washington, Beaufort county, was, on motion of Mr. Empie,

ordered to lie on the Table till to-morrow.

On motion, Resolved, That the Canons of the General Convention be read-whereupon the Canons were read by the Secretary, assisted by the Rev. Richard S. Mason.

It was then moved by Mr. Mason, and carried, that a

committee of three be appointed to draw up a report on the State of the Church—and

Rev'd Messrs Empie and Avery, and John Winslow, Esq.,

were appointed.

A vacancy having occurred in the Delegation to the next General Convention, by the removal of the Rev'd Bethel Judd from this Diocess—the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell was elected to supply his place.

Adjourned, till to-morrow after morning service.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1819.

After morning prayer had been performed by Rev'd G. T. Bedell, in the place of Rev'd John Avery, indisposed, and a sermon delivered by the Rev'd Richard S. Mason, the Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Clergy and Laity present as yesterday.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and

approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church not having completed their business, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The letter of Thomas H. Blount, Esq., which was laid on the Table yesterday, was then called up and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That a letter be addressed to Thomas H. Blount, Esq. expressive of the wishes of this Convention, that he would use his exertions to erect an Episcopal Church, permitting the people to understand that when the services of an Episcopal clergyman cannot be obtained, the Vestry may have it in their power to permit any preacher of sound principles and good moral character to officiate.

On motion of Mr. Empie, it was Resolved, That the Convention authorize the managers of the Missionary Society to draw from the Treasurer of the Convention such monies as were put into his hands for missionary purposes.

On motion of the same it was Resolved, That the Missionary Society be requested to make an annual report of their proceedings.

On motion, the following parochial reports were then presented and read:

ST. JAMES CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

######################################	19
Funerals	16
Communicants	151—10 of
whom are Africans. The increase since la	
being 19.	

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

REV'D RICHARD S. MASON, MINISTER.

Baptisms	9
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	S
Communicants	32

Owing to particular circumstances, no collection was made for the Missionary Fund in the Church, but there was obtained by subscription \$50.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

REV'D JOHN AVERY, RECTOR.

Baptisms	20
Burials	3
Communicants,	11

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

REV'D GREGORY T. BEDELL, RECTOR.

Total,		56
Baptisms since above date—	Adults,	
	Children, Total,	_
Marriages,	·	

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Wilmington,	\$ 169	481
Newbern,	80	_
Edenton,		
Fayetteville,		30
Blount's Chapel,	26	50
Tarborough,	5	60
Orange County,	200	

Moved by John A. Cameron, Esq. and carried, that the Convention recommend to the Clergy of this Diocess the organization of Prayer Book Societies in their several congregations.

On motion of Mr. Bedell, it was Resolved, That this Convention highly approves of the Theological Seminary established by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church and recommends its support to the Clergy

and Laity of this Diocess.

On motion of John A. Cameron, Esq. it was unanimously Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore, for his evangelical, eloquent, and impressive discourse, delivered at the opening of the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Rev'd Mr. Avery, Moses Jarvis, Esq. and John Winslow, Esq. asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder

of the session.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning after service.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1819.

Morning prayer having been read by Rev'd Richard S. Mason, and a discourse delivered by Rev'd John Phillips, the Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Clergy and Laity present, as yesterday, excepting Rev'd John Avery, Messrs. Jarvis and Winslow.

On motion, reports were then called for, whereupon the following reports were delivered:

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of North Carolina, for the ensuing year, beg have to

REPORT:

That it appears from the minutes of the committee of last year, that the only business which was transacted by them, was granting to Mr. George S. Phillips license to officiate as Lay Reader in the town of Tarborough, and furnishing to Mr. Henry M. Shaw, one of the teachers in the academy at Fayetteville, who had been a candidate in this Diocess for the year last past, the recommendation required by the Canon in order to his obtaining Deacon's orders. The committee would also mention, that pursuant to this recommendation, the Bishop proceeded to his examination and admitted him to the Holy Order of Deacons, on Monday the 19th inst. in St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The attention of the committee was then called to the application of Mr. William Hooper, professor of languages in the University of this State, for admission as a candidate for holy orders, which application, being attended with the requisite testimonials, was admitted; and it was further determined, that a license be granted to Mr. Hocper to officiate as Lay Reader in St. Mary's Parish, Orange county, and parts adja-

cent.

The committee were then further called to the consideration of the application of Mr. Robert Davis, who had been a candidate during the last year for a recommendation to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders, and satisfactory testimonials being produced it was resolved that the prescribed

recommendation should be given.

The committee however, while they bear testimony to the piety, good standing, and attachment of Mr. Davis to the doctrines, discipline and worship of our church; and while from written discourses of his own composition delivered to them, he exhibits the powers of a more than ordinary mind, still beg leave to remark, that they have suggested to the Bishop, as Mr. Davis has neither had the opportunity of a classical education, nor of pursuing any regular course of Theological studies, it was in their opinion expedient that he be continued one year longer as a candidate; and that as the requisite books cannot be furnished him in the country where he resides, he should pursue his studies at Fayetteville, under the direction of the Rev'd Mr. Bedell.

The committee also, taking into consideration the pecuniary circumstances of the candidate, have confidently recommended him to the Missionary Society, and other friends of the church, for such facilities as his worth and the

good of the church demands.

The committee were influenced in their decision upon this point, by the consideration that, in any other circumstances than the present condition of the church in this State, they would have urged the immediate ordination of the candidate. But viewing with unbounded satisfaction the rising prospects of the church, and conscious that this delay will be of advantage, not only to the church, but to Mr. Davis himself, they have ventured to pursue this course, and are happy to report that their views have been met by the Bishop and Mr. Davis with acquiescence and satisfaction.

The committee cannot close their report without congratulating the Convention on the present prospects of the church. The visit of our venerable Bishop has been of incalculable importance, and every thing has occurred to call forth our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His abundant goodness. May He work in us, and with us by his grace, to the promotion of his glory and the edification of His Church.

By order of the Standing Committee.
GREGORY T. BEDELL, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, thinking it not necessary to enter into a minute detail of particulars, beg leave to submit the following as the general result of their enquiries:

In taking a retrospect of the year past, we have reason for encouragement, and abundant cause of gratitude to the

Great Head of the Church.

At the last meeting of the Convention, we found the Church in this State, which but a short time before was almost extinct, arising from the dust and affording a prospect to her friends exceedingly animating. The cheering hope which was then cherished, has not been disappointed. Her interests have continued to advance with a success equal to every reasonable expectation; a considerable accession has been made to her numbers. The Churches represented in this Convention are in a more flourishing state than they were at our last meeting. But of this number, St. John's Church in Fayetteville, affords an encouraging example for the imitation of its sister Churches. The liberality and zeal of its members, are worthy of the highest praise. By their spirited and pious exertions, a building commenced in June 1817, has been completed and solemnly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. But it is not the external state There has of this Church alone, which deserves attention. also been a great increase of piety among its members. Mr. Bedell, who commenced his ministry in that place in November last, has by the blessing of God been eminently useThe service of the second seco

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Another cheans time highly encouraging, is the prospect of man to top white to could forth from among ourselves later a qualified by their knowledge and piety, to cultivate this part of the vineyard of the Lord. Of those who were soludited as candidates at the last Convention, one * has alteredy been set apart to the work of the Holy Ministry, and be expected shoully to po to the as a Missionary. There are also two new candidates, Mr. George F. Phillips, son of the tree John Phillips, and Mr. William Hooper, Professor of Languages to the University of North Carolina.

Among the prosperous circumstances of our Church, the 11-11 of the Dishop has already been of extraordinary advantage. It is the first time that this State has ever been the subject of byte oper visitation, and the venerable appearance of the Dishop together with the selemnity of his official performances, and the pure and evangelical strain of

^{*} Mr. Mar. W Nick

his discourses has won to our institutions the approbation of all. We have reason of gratitude to him, for his paternal visit, and of abundant thankfulness to God, that he has permitted us to enjoy the benefit.

The committee earnestly exhorting the continuance of seal in the Clergy, and of co-operation in the Laity, respect-

ully submit their report.

JOHN AVERY,

Chairman of Committee on the State of the Church.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society in reporting their proceedings to the Convention, feel happy to announce the brightening prospects of the Society. The increasing interest which in various parts of the State appears to be taken in its welfare, not only evinces an eagerness for the gospel in general, but also a sincere attachment to the communion of our truly renerable and apostolic Church.

The liberal contributions which have been made to the lociety, will enable it to employ Missionaries in those parts of the State in which their services are most required, and tis with a well founded hope, we trust the period is not far listant, when the lamp of our Church shall again illumine hose regions where it had been extinguished; that again shall the notes of our amiable Liturgy resound in parts where its accents had almost been forgotten.

The Missionary Society was instituted at Newbern in 1817, at the sitting of the Convention in that place. During the first year of its organization, nothing could be done but the obtaining of subscribers and making collections for the use

of the Society.

At a meeting of the Society which took place in Fayette-ville on the 2d of April, 1818, it appeared that from contributions, collections, &c. the Treasurer had on hand \$425:30. The Managers of the Society relying on this fund, employed the Rev'd John Phillips, who had recently left Virginia, to act as a Missionary for the space of six months in the counties of Beaufort, Halifax, Edgecombe and ——, offering him as a compensation for his services, at the rate of \$400 per annum, pledging themselves at the same time for the necessary expenses of an outset.

The Society are fully persuaded that Mr. Phillips has been very assiduous in the discharge of his duties, and they trust his labors have not been without success. He has or-

ganized a congregation at Tarborough by the title of the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Tarborough, Edgecombe county, which has been received into union with the Convention. Besides performing the duties required of him, he has preached in Fayetteville and Newbern, in which latter place he administered the Holy Communion, in consequence of the officiating minister being only in Deacon's orders. The parochial report rendered by Mr. Phillips to the Society is as follows:

COMMUNICANTS—Tarborough,	10
Blount's Chapel,	3
Washington	
Baptisms,	
Burials,	

The increased liberality of the friends of the Church, will enable the Society to employ two or more Missionaries, if they can be obtained, for the ensuing year—and have determined to offer at the rate of \$500 per annum. The amount of cash now on hand is nearly \$1,100.

The Society are confident that it requires only the increased liberality of the friends of our venerable Church to enable them to send forth laborers into their Master's vineyard; and they pray that the God of all grace may dispose the hearts of christians to assist them in this good workthat "the wilderness and solitary place may blossom as the rose." Respectfully reported,

By order of the Society. RICHARD, MASON.

On motion, Resolved, That 300 Copies of the Journal be printed.

Resolved. That the next Convention be held in the Town

In consequence of the meeting of the General Convention interfering with the meeting of the Convention of this Piocess.

Resolved. That the operation of the 2d Article of the Con-

stitution be suspended for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the next Convention be held on Saturday

the 29th of April 1820.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to report such Canons as may be deemed by them expedient, reported certain Canons, which were passed, and which will be found under their appropriate dates, attached to this Journal.

The business of the Convention being ended, and a Prayer by the Bishop, the Conventon adjourned to meet in Edenton, April 29, 1820.

RICHARD CANNING MOORE, D. D.,

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Bishop of the Pro. Epis. Church in the

Diocesses of Virginia and No. Carolina.

Attest,

GREGORY T. BEDELL,

Sec'ry Convention.

CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The board, thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses.—On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decission on the charge or charges respectively, the board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop—and, also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the Sentence to be Pronounced on a Clergyman Found Guilty of Misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the State.

CANON IV.—Passed april 24, 1819.

Respecting the Call of a Special Convention.

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications, to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

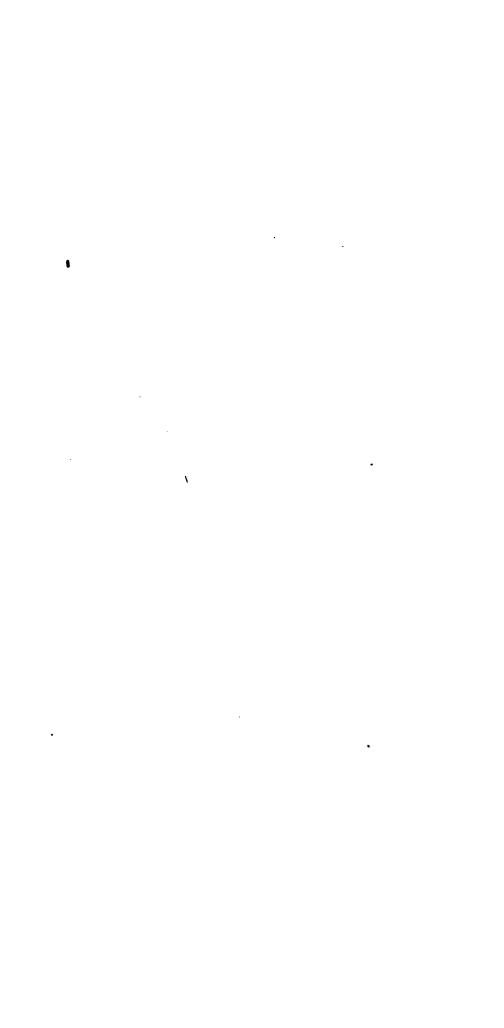
Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 4th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, and the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the communicants within his care. It shall be the duty of each minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

The Clergy Required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every Convention the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absences noted, and at the ensuing Convention, they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.



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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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IN THE

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SATURDAY, April 29, 1820.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, morning prayer was celebrated by the Reverend Rich'd S. Mason, and a Sermon adapted to the occasion, delivered by the Rev'd Gregory T. Bedell.

After the Congregation was dismissed, the Chair was taken by the Bishop at 12 o'clock, and the Convention duly organized.

PRESENT OF THE CLERGY.

Rt. Rev'd Richard C. Moore, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocesses of Virginia and North-Carolina.

Rev'd Adam Empie, Rector of S. James' Church, Wilmington.

Rev'd John Phillips, Rector of Trinity Church, Tarborough.

Rev'd John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev'd Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. John's Church, Fay-ville.

Rev'd Richard S. Mason, Minister of Christ's Church, Newbern.

The following Lay Delegates then exhibited testimonials of their appointment, and took their seats accordingly:

Samuel Tredwell, Josiah Collins, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

John A. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's Church, Orange County, Thomas Wright, St. James' Church, Wilmington.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and upon counting the votes it was found, that the Reverend G. T. Bedell was unanimously re-elected.

Onm otion of Duncan Cameron Esq. it was Resolved, That

the Students of Divinity who may be in Edenton during the session of the Convention, be admitted to honorary seats.

Agreeably to this resolution, Mr. William Hooper, Professor of Languages in the University of this State, appeared and took his seat.

It was also Resolved, That it be signified to the Clergy of different denominations, who may be in Edenton, that the sittings of the Convention are public, and that they are hereby respectfully invited to attend.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Convention, on the State of the Church—Whereupon,

The Rev'd Adam Empie,

Richard S. Mason, and

Duncan Cameron, Esq.

were appointed said committee.

The following Parochial Reports were then read to the Convention:

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

REV'D ADAM EMPIE, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	33
Marriages,	14
Burials,	11
Communicants,	156

There having been an increase of fifteen since last Convention, eight of whom were Africans.

Confirmed last Convention,	138
Catechumens-White, about	
Africans	

In giving an account of the State of the Parish, according to the fifth canon, I may further state, that agreeably to the recommendation of the last Convention, we have established a Female Missionary, and Common Prayer Book Society, which numbers about forty subscribers, at three dollars per annum. We have likewise a Bible Society—a Society for the promotion of Industry; one for the Education of poor Children, and a Sunday School of one hundred and fifty scholars. These, indeed, are not exclusively Episcopal, but as the people of my charge, have a large share in them, and as some are almost entirely conducted by them, the mention of them is here considered as the best method of complying with the

aforesaid Canon. It may also be mentioned, that, though prevented by the state of my eyes, from having lectures at night, or performing service during the week, we have a Bible class of twenty or thirty, whose recitations are not merely historical, but who study with a Commentary and acquire all the critical and practical knowledge, which their Commentator and Teacher are capable of affording.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

REV'D RICHARD S. MASON, MINISTER.

Baptisms in Newbern-Adults, 5,-Infants,	21
Bath, do. 1,—do	5
Marriages in Newbern,	4
Burials,	5
Communicants,	
Confirmed in April last,	53

During a Missionary Tour, last Summer in the Western parts of this State, besides the ordinary services of the Church, I baptized in Lincolnton, on the River Catawba, five Children.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

REV'D JOHN AVERY, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	6
Marriages,	3
Burials,	8
Communicants,	
Confirmed,	30

The situation of the Rector of this Church in the Academy of Edenton, has prevented any labour apart from the above duties, except an occasional service in the town of Plymouth.

TRINITY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

REV'D JOHN PHILLIPS, RECTOR.

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Tarborough—Communicants,	8
Washington,	4
Baptisms,	4

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I have traveled since the last Convention at least 220 miles per month successively; have visited Raleigh thrice, Hillsborough and Judge Cameron's Chapel once, and Scotland Neck once.

I am informed by Thomas Blount, Esq. that the subscription for building the Church at Washington, is in a state of forwardness, and that the building could commence the ensuing summer.

A gentleman has offered to give a lot, and will subscribe 50 or \$100, towards building a Church in Warrenton. When in Raleigh last, I was informed that a plan had been drawn for a Church there, and that the subscription for building should be immediately set on foot.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

REV'D G. T. BEDELL, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	24
Marriages,	4
Burials,	2
Communicants,	65

In the course of the last Summer, when absent from Fayetteville, having recovered from indisposition, the Rector of this Church, spent some time in Orange county, administered the communion once, and preached three times in St. Mary's Chapel, also administered the sacrament of Baptism. Preached once at St. Jude's Parish, Stony Creek in the Union Meeting House, to a large and attentive congregation. Also preached one Sunday, and several week evenings, in the Presbyterian Church in Hillsborough, kindly offered by its Pastor, Rev'd John Witherspoon.

I baptized in Orange county 9 children and married one couple. Attached to St. John's Church in Fayetteville, there

is a Sunday School of about eighty, thirty of whom, study Bible Questions, as well as the Catechism. There is also a Bible class, of about sixty of the ladies of the congregation. It may also be mentioned as encouragement to others in the improvement of Church Music, that there is in the Church an association of ladies and gentlemen, called the Harmonic Society, of St. John's Church; and this association has done incalculable good in improving the condition of that most sublime part of sacred worship, which comes more particularly under their care.

Resolved, That the motion of the Hon. C. F. Mercer of Virginia, on the subject of equal representation submitted to the General Convention of 1817, be referred to the committee on the state of the Church, to report thereon to this Convention.

On motion Resolved, That the committee on the state of the Church, be requested, if by them deemed expedient, to revise the Canons of the Church, and to form additional ones.

Duncan Cameron, Esq. was then duly elected a Lay Delegate from this Convention, to the next General Convention, to be holden in Philadelphia.

On motion of Rev'd Mr. Empie, it was Resolved, That the town of Fayetteville, as being the most central position, be fixed upon as the place from which one of the clerical and all the Lay members of the standing committee be elected for the ensuing year, and that the standing committee consist at present of two clerical and three lay members.

Rev'd Adam Empie, Wilmington.

Rev'd G. T. Bedell,

John Winslow,

John A. Cameron,

Rob't Strange, Esqrs.

On motion, Convention adjourned until Monday next, May 1st, after morning service.

GREGORY T. BEDELL, Sec'ry.

Monday, May 1, 1820.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT OF THE CLERGY.

Rt. Rev'd Rich'd C. Moore, D. D. Bishop.

Rev'd Adam Empie,
John Phillips,
John Avery,
Richard S. Mason,
G. T. Bedell,
William Hooper,
Thomas Wright.

The last two named gentlemen having been yesterday admitted to the holy order of Deacons.

PRESENT OF THE LAITY.

Samuel Tredwell, Josiah Collins, John A. Cameron, Duncan Cameron, Esq'rs.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and approved.

REPORTS.

The committee on the state of the Church, having according to order, had the several matters referred to them for consideration beg leave

TO REPORT,

That in reviewing the state of the Church within this Diocess, since the last annual Convention, they find much cause of thankfulness to the great head of the Church, for its increased prosperity. The parochial reports presented in conformity to the canon on that subject, show that in our Church there is an increase of members. Many have been added to the number of those who profess to be the followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and there is good reason to believe, that in a short time, the number will be considerably enlarged.

The increasing prosperity of the Church, will naturally confirm the hopes, and quicken the exertions of her friends in every part of the State. The favour and assistance of our venerable and zealous Bishop, who has kindly extended his

paternal care over our Church, has conferred lasting benefits on her interests; and while the attachment of the friends, to her doctrines and discipline, has been established and confirmed, christians of other denominations have in a spirit of candor and liberality admired and approved the purity and excellence of her institutions.

It appears from the report of the Managers of the Missionary Society made to the committee, that there is a disposable fund at present of about \$1,000. The managers were not able to employ any regular Missionary during the last year, notwithstanding their constant endeavours. Much missionary labour was gratuitously performed by the Rev'd Mr. Bedell, and the Rev'd Mr. Mason; by the former in St. Mary's, Orange county and other places, and by the latter in several places in the Western part of the State, and especially in Lincoln county, where there are many members of our Church, whose attachment to her doctrines and discipline and worship, has not been shaken, though deprived for many years of the ministration of her ordinances.

There is great reason to believe, that in many parts of the State, congregations can and will be formed, in case a Missionary can be sent among them, and the board of managers pledge themselves, that no effort on their part shall be wanting to procure and send forth labourers into their master's vineyard. The managers in their report to the committee, state that they have engaged the Rev'd Mr. Wright as a Missionary. The Rev'd Mr. Hooper will occasionally perform Missionary duties, as far as may be consistent with his duties as a professor in the University of the State. The Rev'd Mr. Toland is also expected soon to enter into the service of [the] society.

The society will continue their appeals to the liberality of the friends of the Church and of religion, to aid them with the means of having the Gospel preached, that the glad tidings of salvation may visit the humblest cottages in the State.

The committee have bestowed on the resolution and the proposed alteration of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, submitted by the Honorable Charles F. Mercer, to the last, and to be acted on at the next General Convention, that consideration which its importance demands. The second article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, secures to the Church in each

State an equal representation in the General Convention. The proposed alteration if adopted would destroy that equality so essentially necessary to harmony in its proceedings, and give to the representatives of a few Diocesses the entire control of the affairs of the Church. The committee therefore recommend that the representatives of this Convention in the ensuing General Convention, be requested and instructed to oppose the adoption of the said resolution and proposed alterations.

On revising the Canons of the Church the committee are satisfied that they do not at present require alteration or addition.

Respectfully submitted, DUNCAN CAMERON, Chairman.

The Standing Committee in offering their report to the Convention, have to remark, that nothing of any very great consequence has come before them during the last year. Upon the requisite testimonials being laid before them, they have recommended to the Bishop, Mr. Wm. Hooper and Mr. Thomas Wright, to be admitted into the holy orders of Deacons, and the Rev'd Richard S. Mason, to that of the Priesthood.

They have admitted as candidates for orders, Mr. W. Lowry, residing in Wilmington, Mr. J. Davis, in Orange county, and Mr. Burton H. Hickox, formerly a candidate for orders in the Diocess of Connecticut.

Submitted.

G. T. BEDELL, Sec'ry.

On motion of Duncan Cameron Esq. it was Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention, be presented to the Rev'd G. T. Bedell, for his excellent and appropriate sermon at the opening of this session; and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be published with the journals of the Convention.*

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev'd Adam Empie, for the sermon preached by him on Sunday the 30th April, at the ordination of Mr. Wm.

• It has not been thought necessary to include in this reprint the sermons reserved to in the two resolutions above.

Hooper and Thomas Wright, to the order of Deacons; and Rev'd R. S. Mason, to that of the Priesthood; and that he be requested to furnish a copy thereof, to be published with the Journals.

On motion of Rev'd Richard S. Mason, it was Resolved, That the standing committee be requested to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a Society for the promotion of christian knowledge, by printing and publishing such works as the society by its officers may think conducive to this effect, and that the standing committee in case they approve of the organizing of this society, be requested also to draw up a constitution and laws of the same; their report on the subject to be presented to the next Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Members of the Church at Edenton, for the hospitable reception they have afforded to the clerical and lay delegates of this body, during the session; and to the inhabitants of the town in general, for their attention to the sacred duties in which the clergy have been engaged.

Resolved, That the 2d article of the Constitution, which provides for the meeting of the Convention, on the 2d Thursday after Easter, be suspended for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the next Convention be holden on the first Saturday after Easter Day, A. D. 1821, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and that the Secretary give to each Clerical member and to the Vestry of each Church, at least six weeks notice in writing.

On motion of John A. Cameron Esq. Resolved, That the next Convention be held in the City of Raleigh.

Resolved, That the standing committee be requested to assist the Secretary, in distributing of such publications as the Convention may order.

Resolved, That 300 copies of the Journal and Sermons be published.

Resolved, That during the session of the next Convention, a sermon be preached to aid the funds of the Missionary Society, and that the Bishop appoint the Preacher.

After the minutes of the proceedings of both days of the session had been read and the business of the Convention declared concluded, the following address was delivered by the Bishop:

BRETHREN,

The success which hath marked our efforts in the behalf of the Church of our Fathers, the increase of the number of our Clergy and the general disposition discovered by the members of our Society, to aid us in the work in which we are engaged, should inspire our minds with confidence, and excite us to the most animated and unwearied exertion. The set time in which God will have mercy upon Zion, appears to have arrived. The night has indeed, been long; the tempest in which the Church has been involved, has been truly terrible, but the sun has risen upon us, and dissipated our darkness. The clouds of desolation and ruin are dispelled from the heavens, and the voice of joy and gladness is again heard in our Temples. The Almighty God hath promised that those who honor him he will honor. To secure his favor and approbation, let us, my Clerical Brethren, make his precepts the rule of our life, and be determined, with his assistance, to know nothing but Jesus and him crucified. Leaning upon his Almighty arm, countenanced in our ministerial labours by a respectable laity, we have every thing to hope and to expect. Under God, our dependence is upon them; and I have no doubt, that provided they see us engaged in the duties of our office, diligently laboring to promote the good of the Church and the welfare of immortal souls, they will withhold from us no comfort, which is in their power to bestow. Their anxiety to advance the interests of our communion must be equal to that which swells our bosoms. When they unite with us in the services of the sanctuary, they unite in those very services in which their departed parents united; when they kneel round our altars, they kneel at the same footstool, they occupy the same place their fathers occupied before them; when they assist us in bearing the ark of the living God upon their shoulders, they know and feel that it Their devois the same ark which their parents sustained. tion is excited by the pleasing recollection, and their attachment and exertion infallibly secured. Preach ye then the Gospel, humble the sinner, exalt the Saviour, and lead your fellow mortals to the cross of Christ as the only place of safety. "Be steadfast," then, I beseech you, "immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour will not be in vain in the Lord."

My Brethren of the Laity—the inducements which prompted you to the first commencement of the work in which you have so generously engaged, must certainly be increased by that prosperity and success which have at-

The number of your clergy at the first tended your efforts. Convention you held, was only three; they have now increased to more than twice that number; and by the continuance of the same vigorous conduct which has marked your conduct hitherto, you may expect in a few years to see your vacant Churches filled with pious, faithful men.

You must be sensible of your importance from the consideration, that however zealous the clergy may be, they cannot live without your aid. God, in his good Providence has blessed you with a large share of temporal things, and I have no doubt that you feel disposed of your abundance to contribute to the advancement of his cause. You have already done much, and it is a tribute justly due you to say, and I say it my beloved, with pleasure, that I believe you are still disposed to continue your liberality. May Jehovah in mercy, lift up the light of his countenance upon you—may you live the life of the righteous, and may their last end be yours—Peace be with you all.

After a Prayer by the Bishop and the Apostolic Benediction, the Convention was declared adjourned until the First Saturday after Easter, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, in the City of Raleigh, in such place as shall hereafter be provided, of which due notice will be given by the Secretary.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, Візнор

of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocesses of Virginia and North Carolina.

Attest,

GREGORY T. BEDELL, Secretary.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN THE

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RALEIGH, April 28, 1821.

HIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, Divine Service was attended in the Presbyterian Church, which, together with the Methodist Church, had been kindly offered for the use of the Convention. Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev'd John Phillips, and an appropriate discourse delivered by the Rt. Rev'd Richard C. Moore, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocesses of Virginia and North Carolina.

After Service, the Members of the Convention proceeded to the Supreme Court Room, and the Convention was duly organized:—PRESENT,

Rt. Rev'd Richard C. Moore, D. D. in the chair. Rev'd John Phillips, Rector of Trinity Church, Tarboro'.

do. of St. James', Adam Empie, Wilmington, do. of St. Paul's, Edenton, John Avery, Rich'd S. Mason, do. of Christ's Newbern, William Hooper, Professor of languages in the Uni-

versity of North Carolina, Thomas Wright, Missionary,

Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates being called for, the following gentlemen appeared and took

St. Mary's Church, Orange C'ty,

St. Jude's do. do. do. Williamsboro', do. Fayetteville, St. John's St. John's

From St. James' Church, Wilmington, A. J. DeRosset, M. D. Fred'd I. Hill, M. D. Dun. Cameron, Esq. Robert Davis, William M. Green, John A. Cameron, James Townes, Charl. T. Haigh, and William Cameron.

A Certificate having been read to the Convention of the organization of a Congregation in Pitt County, to be known by the title of "The Wardens and Vestry of Grace Chapel, Pitt County," said Congregation was, on motion, admitted union with this Convention; and their Delegate, William Purk For took bis vestion to the County of the County liam Pugh, Esq. took his seat in the Convention.

Duncan Cameron, Esq. rose and stated to the Convention, that a Congregation had been regularly organized in Warrenton, Warren County, and a Vestry appointed; and, that though through want of time and other causes, no Certificate of appointment had been made out, yet that Mr. John Anderson came as a delegate of this Congregation.

These facts being known to the Convention, Mr. Ander-

son was admitted to a seat.

The Congregation of Christ's Church Rowan County, was also formally admitted into union with this Convention, and their Delegate, Almand Hall, admitted to a seat.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Secretary, when the Rev'd G. T. Bedell was unanimously re-

elected.

On motion, Resolved, that Candidates for orders be admit-

ted to honorary seats in this Convention.

It being ascertained that the Rev'd Robert Johnson Miller of Burke County, has come to this Convention in the capacity of a Delegate from the German and English Lutheran Synod of N. C. and for the purpose of effecting as far as practicable, intercourse, and union between the Episcopalians, and some of the Lutheran Congregations: Resolved, That the Rev'd Mr. Miller be cordially received, in the above capacity and admitted to a seat in this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the appointment of a

committee to report on the state of the Church, when

Rev'd Adam Empie,

R. S. Mason,

Duncan Cameron, Esq.,

Dr. DeRosset, and

Almand Hall, were appointed.

A standing Committee of the following persons, was then appointed for the ensuing year:

Rev'd Adam Empie, of Wilmington,

G. T. Bedell,

John A. Cameron, Robert Strange, Charles T. Haigh,

of Fayetteville.

The Rev'd Mr. Empie then presented to the Conventithe following Preamble and resolutions, which were reand ordered to lie on the table, to wit:

As the paramount business of every State Convention, to endeavour, by all practicable means, to promote, to the utmost, the interests of religion within its own Diocess, so is, obviously, the paramount business of the General Covention, to endeavour in the same degree, to promote the same degree, to promote the same degree of the convention.

interests of our American Zion. And whenever the council of our Church adopts a measure, which is ted to further those interests, the cordial and vigor-peration of all the Diocesses, for the purpose of carhis measure into effect, is a consequent duty. And re entertain a respectful deference for the opinions fect confidence in the integrity of those who appear r from us, we feel it our duty* to observe, that in our rany constituent member of the general body to resco-operation, is a virtual renunciation of its authoracting upon a principle which leads directly to the ion of the compact, and is a species of high treason the supreme authority of the Church.

over, it is a duty of the first order, binding upon the ace of every Christian, to further, as far as practical by all the means in his power, the interests of true , and of the visible Church of God. As these cannot .nced more effectually than through the medium of ed, pious, and zealous ministry; which is the mefod's own appointment—and as by the general of mankind, and the practice of the Church in all is rendered evident, that, under Divine Grace, The-Seminaries are necessary to the production of such try; it becomes a duty of the highest moment for hristian to contribute as far as he is able, to the supsome well organized Theological Seminary. And owing upon such a seminary his patronage, it is a duty for the Christian, to divest himself of all longs, all sectional partialities, all motives merely pernd to merge, all minor considerations in those of the

el ourselves in duty called upon, thus to express and proclaim on, because that spirit of indifference, and of disguised or open n to the Theological Seminary; which began to evince itself at leneral Convention, has ever since, been gaining strength—has numerous pamphlets, adverse to the interests of the general —is daily making new converts, in every part of the Union—ig the zeal and lessening the interest that are felt in behalf of logical School at New Haven, and is drawing over numbers, to clous policy, of patronizing imperfect Diocesan Seminarics, and awing their support from our federal institution.

nfluence and progress of this spirit be not checked, it requires ift of prophecy to foretell, that the general Theological Semilanguish and die for want of support; and our Church will, exception, be left to groan, under the multiplied evils, that arable from a ministry, imperfectly, and diversely educated.

paramount interests of the Church, and the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout our country, and throughout the world. Though we owe much to our own particular parish and Diocess, it should not be forgotten that we owe much to the Church at large.

As likewise the General Convention has organized, and established a General Theological Seminary, subject to their supreme direction and control—as one such seminary, so far as the ministry are concerned, is for the present, adequate to the entire demand of our whole American Church—as the system which advocates one such seminary, is far preferable to that which would establish numerous local and Diocesan seminaries, because this plan is indefinitely less expensive, is better calculated to ensure a general uniformity of faith and practice, and is more likely to secure all those advantages that would arise, from having every Professorial Chair filled with the ablest and the best Theologians—and as upon this plan too, vast sums would be saved to our religious community at large, which are wanted for the furtherance of various other charitable purposes, it appears strikingly obvious, that every Episcopalian in the United States, should feel himself imperatively called upon and 10 duty bound to discountenance Diocesan Seminaries, and to throw the whole weight of his character, his influence and his surplus property into the scale of our General Theological institution. For surely every one should feel it his duty to prefer one seminary perfectly provided for in all respects, to the plan of patrovizing numerous imperfect, half endowed, lingering, and inefluent institutions.

In fine, as the General Theological Seninary, first located in New York, has since, by the authority that first estalished it, been removed to New Haven,—as this measure was not only a matter of expediency, but of bounden duty, because the expense of such an establishment, and of those, belonging to it will be annually, one third less than it would be at New York,—as in all probability no sufficient reasons can ever exist hereafter for removing it again—as it enjoys a healthy situation, and most, if not all the other advantages that it could ever desire from its location; and as the city where it is established has long been resorted to, by young men from every section of our country far and near, its late removal is manifestly no cause for withdrawing from it our support, but is rather an additional reason for extending to it our most liberal and undivided patronage. Wherefore, Resolved unanimously, that this Convention does most cordially approve of the General Theological Seminary, and its establishment at New Haven.

animously, That we do most earnestly recommend m and munificent patronage of every Episcopa-

animously, That we entertain a high sense of the ered to this seminary by the prompt, and zealous, il exertions of the Rev'd G.T. Bedell, and that he as soon as he can make it convenient to prosecute itil he has completed the circuit of the State.

to order, the foregoing preamble and resoluid on the table.

n, Convention adjourned to meet on Monday 9 o'clock, A. M.

formation of Episcopalians generally, it has been per to take notice of the transactions which occurreinterval between the sessions of the Convention. ay evening, Divine service was again celebrated byterian Church, prayer by the Rev'd Mr. a discourse by the Rev'd Mr. Avery.

y morning, Divine service was celebrated in at Church, Prayers by the Rev'd Mr. Wright, and by the Rev'd G. T. Bedell—after service Mr. 3, and Mr. Wm. Green were admitted to the orns, after which the Communion was administe an hundred persons; the Presbyterian and ergymen being among the number.

The afternoon, Divine service was again celebrated dist Church, Prayer by the Rev'd Mr. Mason, tree for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal lociety of N. C. delivered by the Rev'd Mr. Emlection taken up amounting to \$66.81.

Monday, April 30, 1821.
Intion assembled in the Supreme Court Room,
A. M. pursuant to adjournment—the Bishop in

PRESENT.

ohn Phillips, dam Empie, ohn Avery, . S. Mason, 'm. Hooper, Rev'd Thomas Wright, G. T. Bedell, Robert Davis, Wm. Green.

tter gentlemen having yesterday been ordained

PRESENT OF THE LAITY.

Dr. De Rosset, Dr. Hill, Duncan Cameron, John A. Cameron,	Charles T. Haigh, Wm. Cameron, Wm. Pugh, John Anderson,
James Townes,	Almand Hall.

Dr. Richard Sneed, a delegate from St. John's Chu Williamsborough, appeared at this time and took his see Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Rev'd Ro'J. Miller of the Lutheran Church was present and in place.

The Parochial Reports were then ordered to be read, are as follows:

TRINITY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

REV'D ADAM EMPIE, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	6
Marriages,	8
Burials,	14
Communicants,	
whom 17 are Africans. Eight new communicants	

added in the course of the year, but this addition has be counterbalanced by deaths and removals.

Catechumens, about 100 \ Exclusive of Africans amou

Adults, about 200 | Exclusive of Africans amou

Our Societies, Schools and Bible Class, as mentioned the last annual report still exist, but owing to the embrassment of the times and other causes, none of them are a very flourishing condition, except the Sunday School.

mough upon a comparison with other Churches we have no ≥ason to complain, yet we cannot say that during the past ≥ar, our religious state and character have met with any laterial visible improvement. One event however deserves be recorded. The spirit of active and Christian Benevonce has given birth to a female Association, who spend me half day in each week in manufacturing various articles, the net proceeds of which are devoted to missionary and other charitable uses; and who, for fear of otherwise isemploying the time when they meet together, are occuited in reading and in listening to such works as are best alculated to promote charity and piety.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

REV'D JOHN AVERY, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	7
Marriages,	2
Burials,	3
Communicants,	22

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

REV'D RICHARD S. MASON, RECTOR.

Baptisms—In Newbern,	5
At Beaufort,	
At Grace Chapel,	3-Total,14
Marriages,	
Burials,	
Communicants	64
Since last report 10 Communican	ts have been adde

Since last report, 10 Communicants have been added, one last died and one removed.

Through the Divine blessing, the increase of the Congreation has been sufficient to call for the erection of a new hurch. A contract has been entered into, and with the ermission of Providence the building will soon be comenced.

The Rector of this Parish has occasionally visited and eached in places some distance from Newbern.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ORANGE COUNTY.

REV'D WILLIAM HOOPER, DEACON-OFFICIATING.

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Baptisms—Adults,	. 1
Infants,	
Marriages,	2
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

REV'D GREGORY T. BEDELL, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	19
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	7
Communicants	60

In this parish there is a very growing attention to concerns of religion, and an increased attachment to the stitutions of the Church.

The Sunday School, Bible Class and Singing Society,

in a flourishing condition.

Among the deaths in this parish, is particularly to be corded, that of John Winslow, Esq. a man, to whose extions, principally, the Church under God, owes its exister and much of its present prosperity. He was more than dinarily interested in its welfare, and seemed to think sacrifices, either of time or of money, too great to be min the cause of religion, and of this Church in particularly His death is a public loss, and not only to be deeply plored by this parish, but by the Church at large.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Wilmington,—Missionary and Prayer Book Society, \$45 85	
Collected in Church, 43	
Female Association, 30	
Subscription, 2	
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Newbern, 2	5
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The Rev'd Robert J. Miller of the Lutheran C	hurch,

The Rev'd Robert J. Miller of the Lutheran Church, pseuted a Communication to the Convention, which was ferred to the committee on the state of the Church.

The following Communication from the Secretary of

last General Convention, was then read:

At a meeting of the General Convention of the Protest Episcopal Church, held in St. James' Church Philadelpl in the month of May, 1820,

Richard Harrison, Esq. offered the following resoluti and proposed alteration of the Constitution, which restion was adopted, and sent to the house of Bishops. olved, That it be made known to the several State Conons of this Church, that it is proposed to consider at the deneral Convention, and if deemed expedient, finally fy the following alteration of the first article of the tution:

striking out so much of the first article as relates to ne of holding the General Convention, and by insertter the words "United States of America," in the said, the words, "at such time in every third year, and"—rther, by inserting after the word "Convention," the ing clause: "and in case there shall be an epidemic e, or any other good cause to render it necessary to he place fixed on for any such meeting of the Convenhe presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to apanother convenient place (as near as may be to the so fixed on) for holding such Convention."

Extract from the Journal.

JOHN C. RUDD, Assistant Sec'y House of C. & L. D.

s alteration was agreed to by the Convention. At the time, the Rev. Mr. Hooper, Rev. Mr. Avery and A. Cameron, Esq. were appointed a committee to draft norial from this Convention, to be laid before the Genonvention at their next meeting, on the subject of a ment alteration in the time of said meetings. Convention then proceeded to the election of Deleto the next General Convention. The following persons luly elected:—Rev. Adam Empie, Rev. John Avery, Rev. d S. Mason, Rev. G. T. Bedell, Duncan Cameron, J. A. on, John Stanly, and Josiah Collins, Esqrs.

Convention then adjourned to attend Divine Service, was held in the Presbyterian Church; the Discourse Rev. Richard S. Mason. A Confirmation was then by the Bishop, when 36 persons were confirmed. The ntion then returned to their room and resumed busi-

Standing Committee of the last year on the subject ed to them, by the last Convention, viz. to take into eration the propriety of organizing a Society for the stion of Christian knowledge, by printing and published works, as the Society, by its officers may think cive to this effect, having had the subject under contion, beg leave to report:

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they deem it inexpedient to attempt at this time, the establishment of such a society, but believing that such an institution would be a powerful auxiliary in disseminating correct sentiments, in counteracting prevailing errors, and in promoting true religion, they recommend that this subject be submitted to the consideration of the next standing committee.—Report accepted.

The Committee on the state of the Church were directed to revise the Canons of this Church, if necessary to prepare

new ones, and to collect the whole in a body.

The various Committees not being ready to report, after considerable discussion on the subject of the most proper place to hold the next Convention of the Church in this State, and not being able to come to a decision, a motion of adjournment till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock was proposed and carried, and the Convention adjourned.

Monday afternoon, service was again held in the Presbyterion Church, and a Discourse by the Rev'd Mr. Hooper. In the evening, a Discourse by the Rev'd Mr. Wright, Missionary.

Tuesday, May 1, 1821.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop being engaged, Rev'd Adam Empie was called to the chair. Present, as yesterday, with the exception of Lay Delegates, Dr. Sneed and James Townes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rt. Rev'd Richard C. Moore, for his truly excellent Sermon delivered at the opening of this Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for pub-

lication with the Journal.

Resolved, That the Rev'd Mr. Mason, Duncan Cameron and Charles T. Haigh, be a committee to wait on the Bishop with the foregoing resolution.

Duncan Cameron, Esq. then presented to the Convention, the following substitute for the Preamble and resolutions, offered on Saturday by the Rev'd Mr. Empie, and at that time laid on the table.

Whereas the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, did, at their last session, resolve that the General Theological Seminary, theretofore established by its authority in the city of New York, should be removed to, and be established in the city of New Haven, and did further resolve that the authorities of the Church within their respective Dioceses, should be empowered and

requested to use their best endeavours to procure funds for the establishment and endowment of said Seminary:

And whereas, this Convention, independently of its obligations, at all times, to respect the authority of the General Convention, doth most cordially approve the establishment of the said Seminary at New Haven, and is sincerely desirous of promoting the welfare of the same by all the means in its power:

Be it therefore unanimously resolved, That this Convention will use its best endeavours to raise funds for the support of the Theological Seminary established by the General Con-

vention at New Haven.

Resolved further, That it be, and is hereby recommended to the friends of the Church in this State to second the views of this Convention.

Resolved further, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered to the Rev'd G. T. Bedell, who is agent for collecting funds in aid of the Theological Seminary at New Haven, and that he be requested to continue his exertions to increase said funds.

Resolved further, That the thanks of this Convention be offered to the Rev'd Mr. Mason, for the active and efficient aid given by him to the Rev'd Mr. Bedell in procuring funds for the said Seminary.

This substitute was on motion accepted and adopted by

the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev'd Mr. Hooper be a Committee to draw up an Address to be presented to the Episcopalians of this State on the subject of the General Theological Seminary, and that when prepared, it be printed by the Secretary and distributed.

Resolved, That the Rev'd Mr. Bedell be requested to select and publish in an Appendix to the Journal, such information as it regards the efforts making in behalf of the General Theological Seminary, as may be deemed important to communicate to the Episcopalians of this State.

The hour of Divine service having arrived, on motion the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, if order to allow the various committees time to consider and report on the important matters committed to them; and also to leave the afternoon to the meeting of the Missionary Society.

After the adjournment of the Convention, Divine Service was celebrated in the Methodist Church; Discourse by the Rev'd G. T. Bedell. Afterwards, Rev'd Robert J. Miller, of the Lutheran Church was admitted to the order of Deacons,

in ours; after which, thirteen persons were confirmed.

In the evening the Bishop delivered his Valadictory Discourse, being obliged to set out for Virginia immediately after the rising of the Convention. After Sermon, Reverend Robert J. Miller was admitted to the Priesthood.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop

in the chair. Present as yesterday.

The Rev'd Robert J. Miller, and Mr. Almand Hall, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report, that during the past year, very little business has come before them. Official information has been received from the Right Rev'd James Kemp of Maryland, that he has displaced William Gibson from his grade in the ministry.

The requisite testimonials having been laid before them, they have recommended Robert Davis and Wm. M. Green to be admitted to the order of Deacons, and Robert Johnson Miller, (heretofore a minister of the Lutheran Church) to the order of Deacons, and subsequently to that of the Priesthood.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of drafting a memorial, on the expediency of altering the time of the meeting of the General Convention, having taken the matter into consideration, beg leave to present the following memorial, to be forwarded to the next General Convention, as expressive of the views and wishes of this Convention:—

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Convention of this Diocess, that the time of holding the session of the General Convention ought to be altered for the following reasons:

1st. It is the opinion of Physicians, and is proved by experience that the season of the year at which the General Convention now meets, renders a journey to the North dangerous to the health and lives of the Delegates from the Southern States. It is found that traveling Northward and remaining for some weeks in a Northern City, exposes the human system to injurious effects from the Southern climate. The delegates now return home in the heat of summer, and those in the lower country at the sickly season of the year.

2d. The Southern Clergy having generally a respite allowed them by their congregations in the fall, for the purpose of recruiting their health and strength, by an intermis-

sion of their labors, and a retirement from the debilitating effects of the climate. It would therefore materially promote the health and convenience of the Southern Clergy, if the General Convention should hold its sittings some time in the fall of the year.

3d. This alteration of time would also secure a more general attendance of the Lay Delegates, inasmuch as it is common for families from the South, to visit the Northern States

at this season.
4th. It is thought that the above reasons rendering the proposed alteration so important to the health and convenience of the Southern Delegates, are not counteracted and balanced, by any material inconveniences which the North-

ern Delegates would thereby sustain.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Delegates from this Convention to the next General Convention be instructed to use their exertions to have the first article of the Constitution so amended that the future Sessions of the General Convention, be held at such time in the fall of the year, as upon consultation may best suit the general wishes of the Southern representation. Report and Resolution adopted.

The Committee appointed by the Missionary Society to lay before the Convention an account of the state and trans-

actions of said Society,

REPORT, That the Rev'd Mr. Wright, who was engaged as a Missionary by the Society at the last Convention, labored zealously as such during the months of July, August, September and October last, during which time he visited eleven counties, preaching the word, and administering Baptism, wherever and whenever opportunity offered. In the course of his labors he visited and preached at Chapel Hill, Pittsborough, Milton, Halifax, and Wadesborough, once, Caswell, Raleigh, Oxford, Haw River Meeting House, Salisbury, Lincolnton, and Lumberton, twice. Warrenton and St. Jude's Chapel, 4 times—and at Williamsborough, 7 times.--He also baptized three children, one at Williamsborough, one at St. Jude's Church, and one at the Haw River Meeting House.

The Committee further state, that the Rev'd Mr. Hooper, who was engaged as a Missionary during the period of his exemption from Collegiate duties, acted as such from the middle of June, to the middle of July, in which time he preached at Oxford, Louisburg, St. Mary's Chapel and Hillsborough, once. At Fayetteville, Warrenton and Raleigh, At Pittsboro' and Williamsboro' three times.

The Committee cannot refrain from noticing the pleasure

with which both these gentlemen speak of their visits to The small congregation collected in that place Warrenton. by the Rev'd Mr. Phillips, seem distinguished for their attachment to the Church. A few ladies of the Congregation have formed a school, in which upwards of twenty children are instructed in the rudiments of learning, and the principles of our religion, free from expense.

The Committee with pleasure state, that upon a review of the Journals of the Rev'd Messrs. Wright and Hooper, it appears that they were generally welcolmed with gladness, and heard with attention; and the Committee concur in opinion with them, that with the blessing of God, nothing but additional Missionary labor is wanting to revive our Zion in many places throughout the State where she has long lain desolate.

Besides the Rev'd Mr. Wright, who will continue his labors as during the last year, and the Rev'd Mr. Hooper who will officiate as often as practicable in his neighborhood, the Society have engaged the services of the Rev'd Robert Davis, who will visit most of those western parts of the State which are destitute of our ordinances, and wherever there may be any Episcopal attachments, or even a probability of

exciting any.

The Rev'd Mr. Miller has also promised, occasionally to visit such congregations as lie in his neighborhood, so far as is consistent with his other engagements. The Committee have much to hope from the labors of the Rev'd Mr. Miller, as his zeal in the cause is already well known, and as his acquaintance is extensive and his influence very great in the western parts of this State where he will be principally employed.

The Rev'd Wm. M. Green, has also engaged to devote one fourth of his labors to the Missionary cause in those Congregations which are convenient to the one with which he

is more particularly engaged.

The funds of the Society, including the salaries and outfits of the Missionaries for the present year, amounts to more than \$1200.

On behalf of the Committee of the Missionary Society. WILLIAM M. GREEN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To present a clear and extended statement of the condition of the Church in this State, and of the increasing prosperity which, through the Divine blessing appears to await it, the Committee have thought it expedient to take a retrospective view of its condition, since its being first organized in the year 1817, to the present time, exhibiting its state as at this day, and shewing our reasons for believing that, through the grace of God accompanying it as hitherto, its borders will be more enlarged, and the number of its pious

sons be very greatly increased.

It appears from the minutes of our Conventions that the organization of the Church in this State, took place in Newbern on April 24, 1817, when it was found that the following clergy had cures in this State, and formed with their congregations the constituent parts of the Convention. Rev'd Bethel Judd of St. John's Church, Fayetteville; Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay of Christ's Church, Newbern; and Rev. Adam Empie of St. James' Church, Wilmington. There were also Lay Representatives from each of these congregations.

At this Convention, no report was made on the state of the several congregations. A constitution was formed; a standing committee appointed, and a Missionary Society

instituted.

The next Convention assembled in Fayetteville on the 2d of April, 1818—the same Clergy were present, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Clay, whose place was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Mason. During this Convention, the congregation of St. Jude's Church, Orange county was received into the union, and Robert Davis, the Delegate therefrom took his seat. During this session, Bishop Moore's acquiescence in the request made him at the last Convention, to undertake the charge of this Diocess, was officially received.

The third Convention met in Wilmington, April 22, 1819, Rt. Rev. Richard C. Moore being present. Of the Clergy were also present, Rev. A. Empie, Rev. John Avery, Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rev. R. S. Mason, and Rev. John Phillips, three of whom had moved into the State since the last Convention. Lay Delegates also attended from the five Congregations. During this session, the following Congregations were admitted into union with the Convention: St. Mary's Church, Orange county; Trinity Church, Tarboro' and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

The fourth Annual Convention was held in Edenton, April 25th, 1820. The Bishop, four Presbyters and one Deacon attended. Lay Delegates from four Congregations.—Messrs. William Hooper and Thomas Wright were admitted Deacons and Rev. R. S. Mason to the Priesthood. A number of candidates for orders were also received.

At the present Convention, the Bishop and seven Clergy-

men attended and twelve Lay Delegates. Four new Congregations have been admitted into union. Messrs. Robert Davis and William Green have been ordained Deacons, and Rev. Robert J. Miller of the Lutheran Church, both Deacon and Priest.

The number of Communicants this year is 332; Baptisms

76; Marriages 20; Funerals 40.

From the several statements collected it appears, that there has been an increase of seven Congregations—that the Clergy of the Diocess now amount to ten; and that the number of Communicants has increased from seventy-one to three hundred and thirty-two.* Six persons have been in thir State ordained Deacons, and two Priests.

But not only has the Church obtained an outward degree of prosperity altogether unlooked for, but also, we have reason to think, the principles and practices of true and genuine piety, have acquired and are still acquiring additional influence in our communion; a desire for being christians in deed and in truth; a hungering and thirsting after righteousness is more and more prevailing, and may God of his mercy finish the work he has commenced.

A very interesting communication has this session been laid before the Committee, on the subject of a union between that truly respectable denomination, the Lutherans and our Church. To carry this measure into effect, the Committee

propose the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of three persons, two Clerical and one Lay member, be appointed to meet the Synod of the Lutheran Church, to consider of, and agree upon such terms of union, as may tend to the mutual advantage and welfare of both Churches, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, or the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

In considering the circumstances above alluded to, have we not the greatest cause to glorify God? Who does not see the hand of God in these things? Had we not been left a very small remnant—we should have been a Sodom, and extinct as Gomorrha.

But our borders are greatly enlarged, and our gratitude should be proportionably increased. Our spiritual mother, who so long lay in sackcloth and ashes, washing with her tears, the foot of the dilapidated altars of our God, raises her head with a smile of hope; the still small voice of peace is heard amidst the storm which broke around. The thunders

[•] This is the number reported. We have some Churches from whom we had no report, consequently 322 falls short of the actual number.

have ceased; the sun of her prosperity breaks forth; Oh, may that sun no more go down, neither may her moon withdraw itself; but may the Lord be her everlasting light

and her God her glory.

The Committee propose the following Canon for adoption: Any Association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the Constitution and Canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or Parish may be designated; appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a delegation of any number of persons not exceeding four, may be received into union with this Church, and their delegates shall be entitled to seats in this Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions had been complied with.

All of which is respectfully reported, in behalf of the R. S. MASON. Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to take into consideration the Resolution proposed by the Committee, when it was adopted, and the Rev. Adam Empie, Rev. G. T. Bedell, and Duncan Cameron, Esq. were appointed a Committee to attend the Lutheran Synod, and to carry the resolution into

The Convention then took up the consideration of the Canon offered by the Committee, and it was adopted.

The question for accepting the whole report, resolution

and Canon was then carried.

Resolved, That it is expedient and beneficial to the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, that an adequate and permanent fund be created for the support of the Episcopate this Diocess.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Avery, Joseph B. Skinner,

and James Iredell, of Edenton; Rev. Mr. Mason, John Stanly, and Moses Jarvis, of Newbern; Rev. Mr. Empie, Dr. Fred I. Hill and Dr. A. J. De Rosset, of Wilmington; Rev. Mr. Bedell, Robert Strange, and John A. Cameron, of Rev. Mr. Hooper and Duncan Cameron, of Favetteville: Orange county, and John Haywood of Raleigh; Rev. Mr. Phillips, John Anderson, of Warrenton and David Clarke, of Halifax; Rev'd Mr. Green, Col. Roberts and Judge Henderson, of Granville; Rev. Mr. Miller, Dr. Ferrand and A. Henderson, of Salisbury; Rev. Mr. Wright, and Rev. Mr. Davis, be a Committee vested with full powers and authority to solicit and receive donations and subscriptions for this purpose, and that they report to the next Convention, their proceedings under these resolutions.

Resolved. That the Clergy who reside in the lower parts of the State, be requested, with the assent of their several vestries and congregations, to endeavor to spend a short time in each year, in visiting such Congregations in the interior of the State as they may think particularly in need of Ministerial labours.

Resolved unanimously. That this Convention does most sincerely regret the loss which the Church in this State, and particularly St. John's Church. Fayetteville, has sustained in the death of John Winslow, Esq. and that the Rt. Rev'd Bishop Moore, be requested to draw up and send to the widow of the deceased, a letter of friendship and condolence.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention, be tendered to the Pastors. Trustees, and Congregations of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in this city, for their kind offer of their respective Churches, for the use of this Convention; and also, to the inhabitants of this place generally, for their hospitable reception, and entertainment of this Convention, and that the Secretary of this Convention, be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution as above declared.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention, be given to the Rt Rev Richard C. Moore, for favoring this Convention with his useful labours and animating presence, and for his kindness and fidelity in presiding over us during the session.

Risolved. That the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this State, the Minutes of the first and second Conventions, and the Constitution of the Missionary Society, he responted with the Journals of this Convention.

Resolved. That the Secretary cause 500 copies of the Journal to be printed that under the cover of the Journal he likewise have printed 400 copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and that the extense of the same, he defrayed by the Churches in order with this Convention

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BRETHREN,

The prospect of success which gradually unfolds itself to our view, in the advancement of the interests of the Church, is truly encouraging. We have hitherto met with no difficulties to retard our progress; no untoward event to paralize our minds; no afflicting circumstance to excite a desponding fear. Our path has been rendered clear by the pointings of Providence, and the most animating light has been reflected upon it by that God, in whose service we are engaged.

When we consider the depressed circumstances under which the Episcopal Church in North Carolina laboured, at the period in which the attempt to revive its interests first commenced, we must be aware of those effects, of which the least check to our exertions would have been productive.-Although the union into which the friends of our communion entered, was ardent and sincere, still as the object they had in view was of great importance, and the number of those who sustained the ark was very small, difficulties which would have been disregarded by a larger body, would not only have shaken the hopes of the chosen few, but prostrated their best efforts in the dust; and produced a relinquishment of the concern, in which they had so nobly engaged. The Almighty in tender mercy, has subjected us to the effects of no such discouragements. In every step we have taken, we have been sustained by his benevolent arm: a pillar of light has shown us the way in which to proceed; obstructions have been removed; the mountains of difficulty have been made easy for the passage of his Church and people; friends have been raised up for our support; the different societies of Christians have received us with open arms, and have wished us success in the name of the Lord.

These considerations have made an impression upon my mind which no circumstances can ever efface; and I rejoice that the Almighty God has made choice of me to assist you in the work and to aid you in the resuscitation of this por-

tion of his vineyard.

To ensure success to your further efforts, I would urge you to persevere in the same course of conduct, you have hitherto pursued. As long as the Clergy continue to preach Jesus Christ and him crucified, Jehovah will continue to bless their labors. As long as the laity follow Christ and obey his precepts, Jehovah will own them as his servants. Marked with the features of the cross—making mention of the righteousness of Christ, and of his only, we shall be universally acknowledged as the friends of that being who died on Calvary, and is risen from the dead.

The proposition which has been made to this Convention, by a portion of the Lutheran Church in this State, is calculated to excite our warmest gratitude to God: it proclaims in language which cannot be misunderstood, the confidence they place in our integrity, and the preference they give to our religious institutions. The door which has been opened for the reception of the messenger into our bosom, which conveyed to us their proposals, forms an event of the most imposing character. In a point, from which we apprehended some difficulty, there has no difficulty arisen; and we have sent him back to the people of his charge, clothed with that ministerial authority required by our communion, our fellow-laborer in the Gospel—our friend—our brother.

If the Lutheran ministers and congregations, by whom he has been deputed to attend upon our proceedings, breathe the same sentiments which warm my heart; if they possess the same desire to effect as perfect and entire an union, as hath been exemplified in their representative, it cannot be long before that union will be completed. We shall then form one fold under our shepherd—meet around the same altar—constitute one household, Jesus Christ himself the

Bishop of our souls.

On my way to the Convention, I preached in Warrenton to a large congregation, and confirmed ten persons. Since the present session of the Convention in Raleigh commenced, I have ordained three Deacons, and admitted one of the number to the Priesthood, I have confirmed forty-nine persons—baptized twenty-five children, and administered the Lord's Supper to many of the followers of the Saviour, belonging to the various congregations in this place. Brethren of the Clergy and laity—accept the assurances of my great respect and regard—I wish you a happy interview with your families, and may the Lord be with you.

After prayer by the Bishop and the benediction, the Con-

vention adjourned.

RICHARD C. MOORE, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocesses of Virginia and North Carolina.

Attest.

GREGORY T. BEDELL, Secretary.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that the next Annual Convention will be holden in the city of Raleigh, on Thursday the 18th day of April, A. D. 1822, being the second Thursday after Easter.

By order,

G. T. BEDELL, Sec.





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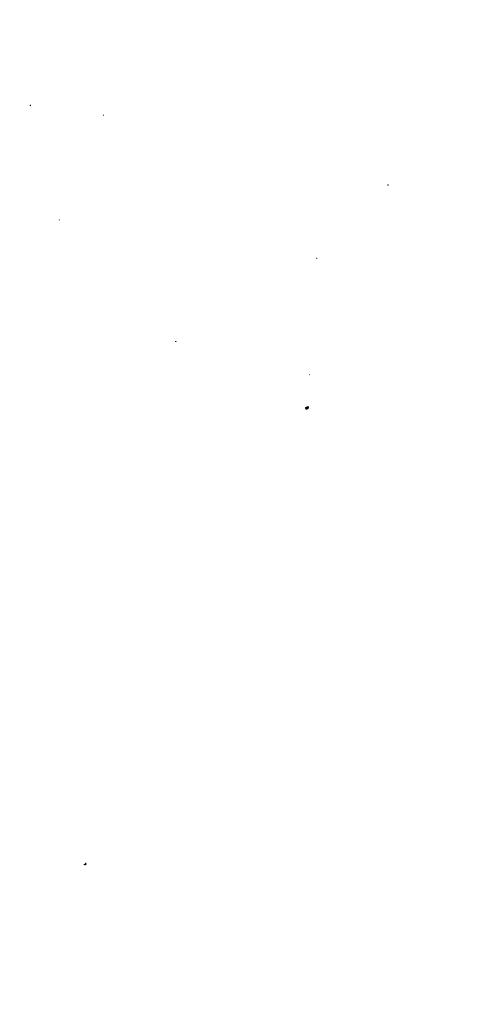
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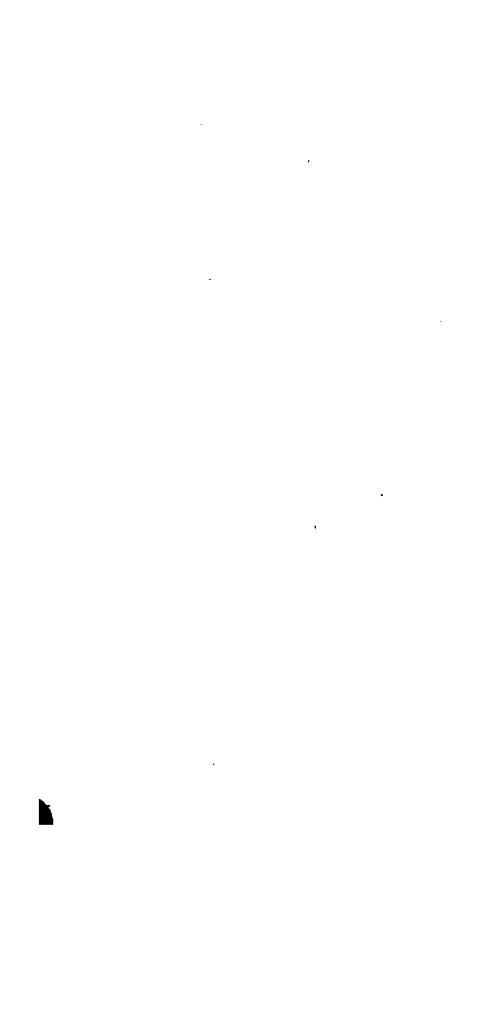
OF THE CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D. ex offic Liesaunt, Rev. Jno. Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church. Ellenton, G. T. BEDELL, late Rector of St. John's Church, Faretteville, ROBT. DAVIS, Deacon and Missionary, ADAM EMPLE, Rector of St. James Church, Wilmington WM. Green, Deacon St. John's Church, Williamsboro' WM. HOOPER, Rector St. John's Church, Fayetteville, R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern, ROBT. J. MILLER, St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co. Trinity Church, Tarborough, JOHN PHILLIPS, SAML. SITGREAVES, Deacon & Missionary attending as Delegate from St. Mark's Church, Halifax,

THOS. WRIGHT, Deacon and Missionary.

LAITY.

Thomas Callender, Julius H. Walker, St. James' Church, Wilmington, John B. Lord, Dr. F. J. Hill, Josiah Collins, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, John A. Cameron, Charles T. Haigh, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Dr. Andrew Scott, Wm. Kyle, Christ's Church, Newbern, Thos. H. Kean, \ Saml. S. Garthwait, St. John's Church, Williamsboro', Wm. Pugh, Grace Chapel, Pitt co. Hon. J. L. Taylor, Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, Christ's Church, Raleigh, Wm. H. Haywood, jr. Geo. W. Freeman, Emanuel Church, Warrenton, Hon. Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's Church, Orange co. Dr. Thos. D. Parke, Calvary Church, Wadesborough, Col. Wm. Dismukes, Bennet A. Reeves, Christ's Church, Rowan co.



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RALEIGH, THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 1822.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was attended in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly offered for the occasion. Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Mason, and a sermon preached by the Rev. John Avery. The Members of the Convention then proceeded, for the transaction of business, to the Supreme Court Room. The Rev. G. T. Bedell acted as Secretary pro tempore.

PRESENT-OF THE CLERGY,

Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D. ex officio President. Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, G. T. Bedell, late Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville,

ROBERT DAVIS, Missionary,
ADAM EMPIE, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington
Wm. M. Green, Deacon and Missionary,
Wm. Hooper, Rector St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern,
JNO. PHILLIPS, Trinity Church, Tarborough,
THOS. WRIGHT, Deacon and Missionary.

The following Lay Delegates then presented the certificates of their respective appointments, and took their seats—viz:

Thomas Callender,
Julius H. Walker,
John B. Lord,
Dr. F. J. Hill,

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

Charles T. Haigh, Dr. Andrew Scott, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Dr. Andrew Scott, Christ's Church, Newbern, Tho's. H. Kean, Christ's Church, Newbern, Josiah Collins, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, Hon. Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's Church, Orange co. Geo. W. Freeman, Emanuel Church, Warrenton, Jno. Anderson, Samuel S. Garthwait, St. John's Church, Williamsboro', Wm. Pugh, Grace Chapel, Pitt co.

The Rev. R. S. Mason was then elected Secretary of

the Convention.

Certificates of the organization of the following Churches were produced and read—viz: St. Mark's Church, Halifax; Calvary Church, Wadesborough; and Christ's Church, Raleigh. The said Churches were then admitted into union with the Convention.

The following persons then presented their certificates of delegation from the above Churches, and took their

seats:

Rev. Sam'l. Sitgreaves, St. Mark's Church, Halifax,
Dr. Tho's. D. Parke,
Col. Wm. Dismukes,
Hon. J. L. Taylor,
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess,
Wm. H. Haywood,

Christ's Church, Raleigh.

The Bishop, as President, then appointed the following persons a Committee to report on the state of the Church, viz; Rev. Messrs. Emple and Avery of the Clergy, and Messrs. Taylor, Scott, and Collins, of the Laity.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet in the after-

noon at half past three o'clock.

Thursday, half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met according to adjournment.

The Rev. Robert J. Miller appeared at this time and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and the following were accordingly submitted:

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

REV. A. EMPIE, RECTOR.

Baptisms,	•	•.	•	•	•	31
Marriages,	-	-				- 5
Burials, of w	hom 3	were	strar	igers,	-	23
Communican		-		·		1 3 9
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8 having died, 8 removed, 3 left us, and 7 been added since the last Convention.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Received from the Missionary & Common Pray	er Bo	юk
	g 11	
Received by subscription,	2	00
Collected in Church,	23	00
Received from the Female working Association,	20	00
from a lady, jewellery which sold for	12	00
Amounting in all	868	50

A Circulating Church Library has just been established here. It commences with about 230 volumes, and depends for its enlargement and prosperity, upon donations, and upon annual and life subscriptions. It is to be the permanent property of the Church, under the care of its Vestry, and for the benefit of its successive Pastors, and all others who purchase a right to it, by annual, or by life subscriptions. And the great object in view is, not merely to render it ultimately a complete Clerical Library; but at a very cheap rate, to furnish the rising generation and all the members of our Church, with such books as are incomparably more valuable than that pernicious trash which constitutes the fashionable reading of the day such books as all christian parents ought to peruse themselves, and put into the hands of their children—such books, as, containing the most useful and interesting information, will be at once heralds of orthodox sentiments, auxiliaries to virtue and piety, and means, whereby the christian may grow in grace as well as in knowledge.

It is not incompatible with the 45th Canon, renewedly to notice, and to recommend to the notice of others, the Female working Association. This Association, by the mere ordinary labor of the hands, during one half day every week, has made enough since last Convention, to contribute,

For the annual education of a heathen child, \$12 00

In clothing for heathen children at one of the

Missionary establishments in our country,
To our Missionary Society,
To the Library above mentioned
50 00

We cannot help saying to others—Go thou and do like-

wise.

According to the resolution of last Convention, I started upon a missionary tour, into the interior; but various circumstances conspired, soon after its commencement, to cut it short. The whole of it resulted, therefore, in my preaching once at Raleigh, once at Hillsborough, and once at St. Mary's Chapel, where I also administered the communion; and in baptising five, in various parts of Orange county, and one in the city of Raleigh.

Trinity Church, Tarborough,

REV. JOHN PHILLIPS.

At Tarborough—Communicants,	-	4,
Burials,	•	1
At Washington—Communicants,	-	2
Baptisms,		1
Burials,	-	2
Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek—Communicants,		9
Burials, -	• '	2
Warrenton—Communicants,		13
Baptisms,	-	4

I have administered the sacraments of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county, and have visited Oxford and Williamsborough. The Vestry and Members of Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek, desire to be received into the Convention.* Those who profess to be Episcopalians, are about thirty in number. About two hundred attend the Chapel—these, with a few exceptions, approve of our mode of worship.

Christ's Church, Newbern,

REV. R. S. MASON.

Baptisms in Newbern—childre	18		
Grace Chapel,	2,	ĺ,	3
Beaufort,	1,	•	1
near Washington,	1,		ĩ
Kinston,	1,		1
		TOTAL	24
Burials, • • •	•		15
Marriages,	•	• .•	- 5
Communicants,	-	• •	63
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Since the last year 4 communicants have died, 2 have removed from the parish, and 2 have discontinued their reception of that holy sacrament; 7 have been added.

The Sunday School is still continued, and is at present in a more flourishing state than at any former period. It consists of more than 30 scholars.

A Female Benevolent Society has been instituted for the purpose of furnishing with work those females who are unable of themselves to procure it, and also to relieve those who are incapable of labour. A great number of the female members of the congregation are attached to this Society, and take an active part in its proceedings.

Some measures have been taken for establishing a Church Library, the principal object of which is to furnish at a cheap and easy rate to the congregation at large, books of genuine piety and orthodox sentiments; such as may, through God's blessing, tend not only to enlighten the understanding, but to improve the heart.

^{*} As no regular notice of the organization of this Church was presented, the admission thereof into union with the Convention was necessarily deferred till sub-costice should be received.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

REV. JOHN AVERY.
Baptisms in Edenton, 3
at St. Thomas' Chapel, Bertie co. 7
707AL 10
Marriages, 4 Burials—children 4, adults 2, 6
Communicants, 23
Since the last report three communicants have been
added, one has died, and one has removed.
St. John's Church Williamsborough,
REV. WM. M. GREEN.
Baptisms at Raleigh, 9
Williamsborough, 4 Halifax, I
Orange co 4
TOTAL 18
Marriages, 4 Burials, 3
Christ's Church, Rowan co.
REV. ROBT. J. MILLER.
Baptisms-Christ's Church, children 14, adults 2, 16
*St. Michæl's Church, 13, 13
in other places, 23, 3, 26
TOTAL 55
Marriages in both congregations, - 2
Burials, 2
Communicants, 117

^{*} St. Michæl's Church was admitted into Convention the day following.

The Rev. Adam Emple, as Chairman of the Committee on the part of this Church, to confer with the Committee appointed by the Lutheran Synod, presented the

following report.

The Committee appointed "to meet the Synod of the Lutheran Church, and to agree upon such terms of union as might tend to the mutual advantage and welfare of both Churches," have executed their commission as far as they could "consistently with the canons and constitution" of their Church; and as the result of their commission, they beg leave to submit to the Convention the following report:

The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. C. and the Committee on the part of the Lutheran Synod for North-Carolina and the adjacent states,

Having conferred on the subject of their respective appointments, have agreed on the following articles:

1. Resolved, That we deem it expedient and desirable, that the Lutheran Synod and the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. C. should be united together in the closest bonds of friendship.

II. Resolved, That for this purpose, we will mutually make such concessions as may not be inconsistent with the rules and regulations of our respective Churches, for

the purpose of promoting a friendly intercourse.

III. Resolved, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church may send a delegation of one or more persons to the annual Synod of the Lutheran Church, which person or persons shall be entitled to an honorary seat in that body, and to the privilege of expressing their opinions and voting in all cases except when a division is called for; in which case they shall not vote.

IV. Resolved, That the Lutheran Synod may in like manner send a deputation to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who in all respects shall be

entitled to the same privileges.

V. Resolved, That all the Ministers of the Lutheran Church in union with the Synod, shall be entitled to honorary seats in the Convention of the Protestant Epis-

copal Church; and the Clergymen of the said last mentioned Church, shall, in like manner, be entitled to honorary seats in the Synod of the Lutheran Church.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and to the Synod of the Lutheran Church, the adoption of the fore-

going resolutions.

G. SHOBER, MICHAEI RAUH, HENRY RATS,

Comm. of the Luth. Synod.

A. EMPIE, Comm. of the DUNCAN CAMERON, P. E. Church-

June 18th, 1821.

The Rt. Rev. President of the Convention then read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Shober on the same subject, after which it was moved,

That the report be received, which was unanimously

agreed to. It was then

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to address a letter to the President of the Lutheran Synod, informing him of the unanimous adoption of the above report.

The following delegation to the Lutheran Synod was then appointed. Rev. Messrs. MILLER, DAVIS and WRIGHT, of the Clergy, Messrs. Alexander Caldcleugh, Duncan Cameron and Dr. F. J. Hill, of the Laity.

A certificate from Christ's Church, Rowan co. appointing Bennet A. Reeves to serve as delegate from said Church in this Convention, was read and received, and Mr. Bennet A. Reeves appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of the regular organization of St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co. was presented by the Rev. Mr. Mil-Ler, and the said Church, agreeably to its petition, was admitted into Convention.

• On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Bedell be appointed to preach a sermon for the purpose of making a collection to aid the funds of the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Avery, for his sound and excellent discourse delivered at the opening of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Hoopen be appointed to draw up an address to the Episcopalians of this state, on the subject of the General Theological Seminary, and that when prepared, the Secretary cause it to be printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Bedell be requested to prepare as soon as possible, and furnish the Secretary of the Convention, for publication, such information in regard to the efforts making on behalf of the General Theological Seminary, as may be deemed important to communicate to the Episcopalians of this state.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to solicit and receive donations and subscriptions for establishing a fund for the support of a Bishop, were called on to report; but it appeared that owing to peculiar circular cir

cumstances nothing had been effected.*

Certificates of organization from the following congregations were then read, and the said congregations admitted into union with the Convention:

St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co. White Haven Church, Lincoln co. & Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.

The report of the Standing Committee was then read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention then adjourned to meet the following

day, after divine service.

Divine service was held at night, in the Presbyterian Church a prayers by the Rev. Mr. Aveny, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen.

Friday, April 19th.

Divine service was attended this morning in the Presbyterian Church; prayers by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Expre. After service, the Convention met according to adjournment, in the Supreme Court Room. The minutes of the preceding day were then read.

[&]quot;Jno. A. Cameron, Esq. one of the Committee, and a Delegate from Fayetteville, was not present at the time the Committee was called on; but on the following day be stated, that he had obtained certain subscriptions in Fayetteville for the Episcopal fund.

Messrs. Ino. A. Cameron, & Wm. Cameron, two of the Delegates from Fayetteville, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. ADAM EMPIE and the Rev. Wm. Hooper, together with Messrs. Jno. A. Cameron, Robert Strange, and Charles T. Haigh, be appointed members of the Standing Committee.

It being found necessary to allow sufficient time to the different Committees for preparing their several reports; and also to the Missionary Society for discussing the important business submitted to their consideration; it was therefore

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to meet at nine

o'clock the following day.

Divine service was held in the afternoon, in the Methodist Church; and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT.

Saturday, April 20th.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at 9 The minutes of the preceding day were read. The Delegates to the General Convention were then ballotted for, and the Rev. Messrs. Emple, Avery, Hooper and Mason of the Clergy, and Messrs. Duncan Cameron, J. A. Cameron, Moses Jarvis and Dr. F. J. Hill of the Laity, were elected. The report of the Missionary Society was then called for, and the Rev. WM. HOOPER, as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Society to draft the said report, presented the following, which was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on the affairs of the Missionary Society, having examined into its proceedings for the last year, report

That, the Society in the course of the last twelve months has had the regular and occasional services of five Missionaries; three in the western and two in the eastern part of the state.

The Rev. Mr. MILLER, during the last summer and fall

and the present spring, has laboured in several of the western counties, particularly those of Iredell, Lincoln and Rowan, in conjunction with Rev. Mr. Davis and the Rev. Mr. Wright. He administered the holy communion in different places, and reports from the several congregations, one hundred and twenty-two communicants. The Rev. Mr. MILLER gives it as his opinion, that a favorable opening has been made in the above mentioned section of the state, and recommends the continuance of missionary labours in that field. He states with regret that accidental circumstances prevented any collections in behalf of the missionary fund; but thinks that if the mission can be continued for one or two years, it will then be supported by the contributions of the people. He asserts that the state of society is such in that part of our country, that it is by missionary labours alone that the people can obtain the preaching of the gospel and the administration of ordinances.

The Rev. Robert Davis, since the last Convention. has laboured in the same district of country mentioned above, by the advice of the Rev. Mr. MILLER. He has been enabled to organize and bring into union with this Convention, four new congregations, and he confirms Mr. MILLER's account of the propriety of keeping up the exertions of our Missionaries in that quarter. He has had strong assurances made to him, that a considerable part of a Missionary's salary will be contributed by the people, if they should be favoured with the services of one during another year. The Committee regret to observe that the labours of Mr. Davis have been somewhat interrupted by sickness; but they see much reason to commend his zeal and diligence, notwithstanding much bodily debility; and the prudence of his conduct in circumstances which much required it.

The Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, also, during the last summer and fall, was in the service of the Society, in the western part of the state. He officiated chiefly at Wadesborough, in the county of Anson, (where a congregation has been formed), but a part of the time in the upper counties, in

company with Messrs. MILLER and DAVIS. These three Missionaries report seventy-three baptisms, of whon fifteen were adults.

The Rev. Mr. Green, agreeably to the request expressed by the Society, at their last annual meeting, has besides his regular ministrations at Williamsborough, his place of residence, officiated once a month at Warrenton Halifax, Oxford and Raleigh, and has met with encouragement. At Warrenton particularly, it is very gratifying to learn, that an Episcopal Church is creeting, and there is reason to believe that there will be at that place a very flourishing congregation.

The Rev. Mr. SITGREAVES, from the diocess of Penn sylvania, has been in the service of the Society for about the last six weeks, in the eastern part of the state. He reports favourably of the prospects of our Church in Washington and Halifax; but thinks that the hope of a

Church at Tarborough is past.

With respect to the funds of the Society, it appears from the report of the Treasurer that the disbursement of the past year have been upwards of \$800, and have left in the treasury only \$ 189 58, exclusive of the collections of the present year; and it is probable that a ful payment of the salaries of the Missionaries, will more than absorb the funds of the last year. The collections for the present year amount to only \$210, and withou some other resources than those at present in hand, i will be impracticable to employ even one Missionary during the whole of the ensuing year. As the continued labours of zealous and devoted Missionaries appears to be the only probable means of rearing our Church in those parts of the state where it has not hitherto been planted, the friends of our Church generally, throughou the diocess, cannot be too earnestly besought and urged to contribute liberally towards this fund, which is now almost exhausted; and not only to pray fervently the great Lord of the harvest to send forth faithful labourers into this great field; but also to remember that the laboure **is worthy** of his meat.

WM. M. GREEN, Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That an annual contribution be made from each congregation in convention with the Church in this state, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitation, and the other contingent charges of the Convention.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of the Convention be ex officio Treasurer of the same.

The Convention then adjourned to attend divine service and meet at 3 o'clock. Prayer was performed by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Mason.

3 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The minutes of the morning were read. The report of the Standing Committee was then read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee having, according to the resolutions of the Conventions of 1820 & 21, taken into consideration "the propriety of organizing a Society, for the promotion of christian knowledge, by printing and publishing such works, as the Society, by its officers, may think conducive to this effect," beg leave to report

That, in their opinion, the formation of such a Society is highly expedient, and ought no longer to be delayed. And they therefore, in pursuance of the resolutions above referred to, have drawn up the following preamble, constitution and laws, which they herewith respectfully sub-

As the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this state, is still in its infancy, and many of her members, living remote from the opportunities of instruction, are growing, or have grown up, without any knowledge of her character and her distinctive principles; as some of these are more likely to be benefitted by instructions that come forth under the sanction of the Episcopal name, than by any other; and others, being unacquainted with her high claims to a primitive and scriptural character, are constantly in

danger of being drawn off from her communion, lines some of those systems of heresy, which the corrupt heart of man is prone to prefer, to the self-denying and pridehumbling doctrines of the cross, as exhibited by our Church)—as too, it is our duty, as watchmen and shepherds, to prevent, if possible, these sheep from going astray, and to bring and keep all under the care of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls—as this, at present, is, in a great measure, impracticable, except through the medium of religious tracts; those silent missionaries. which may be sent forth to every family and every individual—as mankind in general are unwilling, or unable, to go to any expense or trouble, in purchasing or reading books, for the purpose of acquiring the knowledge of religious truth and duty—as however a few may be found, who would purchase good books, provided they came is their way, properly recommended—as most would read a tract, or a small book, if presented to them, which they never could be prevailed upon to purchase—and as Episcopalians stand bound, by their love for God, for the Church, and for the souls of their brethren, to do good, as far as they have it in their power, to all the members of the household of faith,

We, the subscribers, do hereby form ourselves into a Society, that shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Protestant Episcopal Society, for the promotion of picty and christian knowledge, in North-Carolina.

2d. The means to be adopted for carrying this object

2d. The means to be adopted for carrying this object into effect, shall be these two—1st. A book establishment, as described in the next article: and 2dly. The distribution of such books and tracts, as the Board of Managers, hereafter mentioned, shall select for that purpose—which books and tracts, may either be purchased, or printed and published by the Society, as the Board shall think most expedient.

3d. As soon as practicable and expedient, the Board of Managers shall commence a book establishment, at such place, in this state, and under such regulations, as may appear to them best. By purchase or otherwise, this

establishment shall be furnished with all such books as are best calculated to promote the great objects of this Society. For the sale and distribution of the books and tracts belonging to this Society, all our Clergy, settled and missionary, shall always be Agents; and in addition to these, the Board of Managers shall appoint, throughout the state, such other Agents, as will be most likely, and best disposed to further our views. All these shall be amenable to the general book Agent, and governed by such rules as he, with the approbation of the Board of Managers shall prescribe: and this Board shall adopt and carry into effect, all such rules and measures, as shall appear most likely to benefit the book concern.

4th. The officers of this Society shall be, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and general book Agent. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall, respectively, perform the duties that ordinarily belong to those offices. The Treasurer shall also exhibit, at every annual meeting of the Society, a full and detailed statement of his accounts: and it shall be the duty of the general book Agent, to take care of all the books and tracts of the Society—to keep an account of all that he buys and sells, of all the books he gives out and all the money he receives—to make a full report of every thing that relates to the book establishment, at every annual meeting of the Board of Managers—and to govern himself by all such rules as that Board may think fit to prescribe. For these services, he shall receive such compensation as he and the Board may have previously stipulated.

5th. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Society, and four other members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Of this Board, five of whom shall always be Clergymen, the Bishop of the diocess, or, if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall be, ex officio, a member. It shall be the duty of this Board, to select, and direct the book Agent to purchase, or cause to be published, such books or tracts, as they shall think best calculated to diffuse a knowledge of the distinguishing principles of the Church.

and to promote the cause of truth and real godliness among her members. And they shall farther take the most effective measures practicable, to cause the above to be distributed among all the friends and members of our communion, throughout the state.

6th. Any one may become a member of this Society, by paying two dollars annually. The payment of twenty

dollars shall constitute membership for life.

7th. Every annual subscriber shall be entitled to half the amount of his subscription, in tracts or books, at the Society's prices; and the various Agents of the Society shall be requested to sell all they can, for the benefit of its funds.

8th. The friends of the Church, in every part of the state, are earnestly requested to form Societies auxiliary to this. Such auxiliaries shall be entitled to tracts and books, at the Society's prices, to any extent not exceeding the amount of their contributions.

9th. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place with the Convention, and on the second day of its session; at which time also, officers shall be elected, and the annual subscription shall become due.

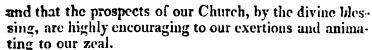
10th. No article of this constitution shall be altered, except at the annual meeting, and by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

The Standing Committee have also granted to the Rev. Samuel S. Sitgreaves, Jun. the testimonials required by the 31st canon of the General Convention; and they have recommended for Priest's orders the Rev. Wm. Hooper and the Rev. Wm. M. Green.

The Rev. Mr. Avery, as Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Church, then presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In comparing the Parochial and Missionary Reports of the present Convention, with those of the last, it appears that our members have been considerably increased,



The number of the communicants at present are 370,* making an accession of 38 since the last Convention. The baptisms have been more than double the number

reported the last year.

Seven new congregations have been admitted into union, making our whole number 18. It appears, also, from the report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to meet the Lutheran Synod, and by a communication received from the President of that Synod, that such arrangements have been made as afford a prospect that the interests of the two Churches will be promoted, and the great cause of christianity advanced.

In adverting to the means, which, under God's good providence, have been instrumental in extending our Church, and raising it to its present state of prosperity, one of the most efficacious has been the Missionary Society. It is principally by the exertions of the Missionaries employed the past year, that so many congregations have been added to our Church. The importance of this Society, and the duty of supporting it by liberal contributions, appear more clearly every year.

We observe with peculiar pleasure the establishment of Church Libraries in two of our parishes, Wilmington and Newbern, and would call the attention of our other Churches to the same subject, as a matter worthy of

consideration.

We anticipate, also, great advantages from the prospect of an establishment at the present Convention, of a Society for the promotion of piety and christian knowledge; and we carnestly recommend it to the patronago and support of the friends of religion, as a channel for the conveyance of sound principles and correct information.

The above is respectfully submitted to the Convention, on behalf of the Committee on the state of the Church, by

JOHN AVERY, Chairman of the Committee.

^{*}This is the number reported, but certainly far less than the real number, as more of communicants was received from half the congregations.

After this report had been received, the following resolutions were on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the persons hereinafter mentioned be a Committee to procure funds for the support of the Episcopate, and that they report their proceedings to the next Convention.

. Rev. John Avery, Joseph Skinner, Edenton. Hon. Jas. Iredell, Josiah Collins, Rev. R. S. Mason, Hon. John Stanly, Newbern.

Moses Jarvis, Rev. Adam Empie,

Wilmington Dr. F. J. Hill,

Dr. A. J. De Rosset,

Rev. William Hooper, Robert Strange,

Fayetteville. John A. Cameron,

Hon. Duncan Cameron, Orange co.

Hon. Thomas Ruffin, John Haywood,

Thos. Henderson, Raleigh. A. S. Burgess,

Wm. H. Haywood, Jr. Rev. John Phillips,

Hon. G. E. Badger, Warrenton. John Anderson,

Geo. W. Freeman, Hon. J. J. Daniel,

Edmund Freeman, Halifax.

John Hawks, David Clarke,

Rev. Wm. Green,

Hon. L. Henderson, Wm. Robards,

John Taylor,

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J. L. Henderson,
Jos. Martin,
S. L. Ferrand,
Rev. Robert Davis,
Alex. Caldcleugh,
Rev. Thos. Wright,
Wm. Dismukes,
Jos. Prickett,
Rev. John Miller,
Robert Burton,
Wm. Johnston,
Duncan Ferris,

Salisburg.

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Lexington.

Wadesborough.

Lincoln co.

Resolved, further, That the Standing Committee for the time being, shall be, and are hereby declared to be Trustees for managing the fund for the Episcopate.

Resolved, That the canons of the Church in this state be arranged and numbered in the order in which they were adopted, and that the Secretary incorporate them with the journals of the Convention.

Resolved, That the next Convention be held at Salis-

bury.

The Convention, after the adoption of the above resolutions, adjourned to meet again on Monday morning.

On Sunday, divine service was held in the morning in the Methodist Church. The service of the Church was performed by the Rev. Messrs. Bedell and Mason, conjointly, and a sermon delivered by the Bishop, to a very numerous and attentive audience. Several persons were admitted to the hely rite of confirmation, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered to many and attentive recipients. In the afternoon, divine service was held in the Methodist Church, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Bedell, as preparatory to a collection for aiding the funds of the Missionary Society. About 70 dollars were collected. At night the Bishop preached in the Presbyterian Church.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at & 6'clock. The minutes of the Convention were then read. After which the following resolutions were on motion adopted:

Whereas, Ministers both settled and missionary, are greatly needed in our Church, and many young men among other denominations of christians have been educated for the ministry by the contributions of what are called Cent Societies, the members of which contribute

a small sum weekly, therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention do heartily recommend to the different congregations of our Church, and particularly to the female members of the same, to lend their aid to supply the wants of the Church, by the formation of similar Societies.

Resolved, unanimously, That as the Rev. G. T. Be-DELL is now about to leave this diocess, the members of this Convention do hereby express their unfeigned regret at his departure, and their sincere and grateful acknowledgements of his active and zealous services.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Pastors, Trustees and congregations, of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in this city, for their kind offer of their respective Churches,

for the use of this Convention.

Resolved, That the interests of the Church in this diocess very much require the residence and active ser-

vices of a Bishop.

Resolved, secondly, That as the charge of two extensive diocesses render it impracticable for our present that portion of time to the care of this its circumstances require, and as the its circumstances require, and as the been proposed by the Bishop, it is hereby to the next Convention, to proceed to the bishop for the diocess of North-Carolina.

The solved, we animously, That the thanks of this Contact they are hereby tendered to the Rt. Res.

Bishop Moore, for his pastoral care of the Church in this state, for his friendly visitation, and for the disinterested zeal which he has uniformly manifested in its welfare.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause 500 copies of the journal to be printed.

The business of the Convention being declared completed, the following address was delivered by the Bishop.

Address.

BRETHREN,

It has pleased Almighty God to permit us again to assemble together, and as the Council of his Church, to unite our efforts in the advancement of the gospel of his grace. To observe the work of the Lord to prosper in our hands, should excite in our minds the most fervent gratitude to Heaven, and impel us to greater and more vigorous exertions in his cause.

It is but a few years since the work in which we are engaged was commenced. An assembly of nine individuals, impressed with a desire to raise the Church of their fathers from the ruins in which it was involved, nobly united in the attempt. With a zeal proportioned to the difficulties with which they had to struggle, a zeal which no obstacles could arrest, they laid the foundation upon which, under the divine blessing, we have thus far raised the superstructure. If they, in a moment so unpromising, conceived the hallowed design, how ought our minds to be encouraged with the animating prospect before us. If three Clergymen, and six of the Laity, trusting in the goodness of the Almighty, and looking up to him for assistance, took hold of the ark of the Lord, and bore it successfully upon their shoulders, how much may be expected from the joint efforts of a Convention, consisting of eleven Ministers of the gospel, and between twenty and thirty members of the congregations. The

presence of gentlemen from such distant parts of the diocess, forms an evidence of zeal the most encouraging, and may be considered as the loudest expression of the blessing of the living God upon our labours. Our difficulties are daily diminishing. The path before us becomes more and more luminous. Seven new congregations have been received into union with us during our present session. The daughter of Zion is laying aside her weeds, and putting on her beautiful garments.

In the performance of the duties of the ministry, permit me, my reverend brethren, to request you to insist upon the peculiar doctrines of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Ordained, as most of you have been, by the imposition of my hands, I confide in your affection for a dutiful compliance with my pastoral advice. Let the fall of man, with that depravity of nature which marks our apostate race, enter into all your discourses. Insist, at all times, on the necessity of conversion of heart, and of the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit. Honour the Sacraments of the Church as the medium of divine communi-Teach your people that without "holiness" of heart and life "no man shall see the Lord." Hold up the Saviour to their view, "as the way and the truth and the life;" as the "propitiation for the sins of the whole world;" as the only door by which a fallen creature can enter into bliss. Proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God—the only begotten of the Father—the express image of his person—as God manifest in the flesh—God over all blessed for evermore.

In addition to a faithful exposition of the truth, see that your lives are conformed to the principles you deliver. "Adorn the gospel of God your Saviour in all things." Be examples of holiness to the congregations over which you are placed. "Let that mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."

My brethren of the Laity, permit me to recommend to your best attention, the Pastors of your respective congregations. Strengthen their hands, I beseech you, in the discharge of their important duties. Encourage them

in delivering the truths of the everlasting gospel, defend them from the unkind attacks of unbelievers. Carry them in the arms of prayer to the throne of grace. Beseech the Almighty to endue them with his Holy Spirit, and to sustain them in their arduous work.

My beloved brethren! I bid you an affectionate adieu. I ask an interest in all your prayers. Pray for me, that I may continue faithful unto death, that God may give me the crown of eternal life.

After prayer, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned sine die.

Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, President.

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RICHARD S. MASON, Secretary.

As some information respecting the Bishop's further progress through this diocess will no doubt be interesting to the members of the Church, it is here subjoined.

On Wednesday, April 24th, in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, the Rev'd. Mr. Hooper, Rector of that Church, was admitted to the holy order of the Priesthood, and six persons were confirmed. At night the Bishop preached to a very numerous assembly. On Sunday, April 28th, the Rev. Messrs. Green and Wright were admitted to the holy order of Priests, in St. James' Church, Wilmington; thirty-one persons were confirmed, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered. The Bishop preached twice in Wilmington. On May 2d, thirty persons were confirmed in Christ's Church, Newbern. The Bishop preached on the night of Wednesday, May 1st, and twice on the following day.

CAHOHS.

CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial, of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. Board, thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administ tered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence.

which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the Ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the state.

CANON IV .- PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications, to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON V.-PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 4th canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married; the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, and the names of the parents; the name of the person buried; and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also

keep a register of the names of the communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absences noted, and at the ensuing Convention, they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII .- PASSED MAY 2, 1821.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the constitution and carons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church' or parish may be designated; appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a delegation of any number of persons not exceeding four, may be received into union with this Church, and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in this Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions have been complied with.

CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH,

In the Diocess of North-Carolina.

(a) St. James' Church, Wilmington;

(a) St. John's Church, Fayetteville;

(a) Christ's Church, Newbern;

(a) St. Paul's Church, Edenton;

(b) St. Jude's Church, Orange co.;

(c) Trinity Church, Tarborough;

(c) St. John's Church, Williamsborough;

(d) St. Mary's Church, Orange co.;

(e) Emmanuel Church, Warrenton;

(e) Christ's Church, Rowan co.;

(f) St. Mark's Church, Halifax;

(f) Calvary Church, Wadesborough;(f) Christ's Church, Raleigh;

(f) St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co.;

(f) St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co.

(f) White Haven Church, Lincoln co.;

(f) Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.

⁽a) These four Churches composed the original Convention of 1817. (b) Admitted into union in 1818. (c) Admitted in 1819. (d) On the Journals there is no notice of the admission of this Church into union, but this was probably effected in 1820, when Duncan Cameron, Esq. the Delegate therefrom, was a member of the Convention. (e) Admitted in 1821. (f) Admitted in 1822.

The Secretary here takes an opportunity to apologize for the late publication of the Journal. This arose from the printer judging it necessary to procure a new font of types for the purpose, which was longer in coming to hand than was at first anticipated.

Tonvention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of North-Carolina, will be held in Salisbury, I hursday, April 10th, 1823.

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LIST OF THE ATTENDING MEMBERS

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. Adam Empir. Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington, and President of the Convention.

Rev. Robert Davis, Dencon and Missionary,

Rev. Wm. Grien, Rector St. John's Church, Williamshoro' Rev. Wm. Hooper, St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern, Rev. Robt. J. Miller, St. Michael's Church, Iredelleg. Rev. Thos. Wright, Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.

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Geo. W. B. Burgwin, St. James' Church, Wilmington.
Jno. A. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Hon. Duncan Cameron,
Walker Anderson,
Sam'l. S. Garthwait. St. John's Church, Williamsboro',
Hon. J. L. Taylor,
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess,
Christ's Church, Raleigh,

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James R. Dodge, Dr. Wm. Dobson, St. Peter's Church, Lexington.

Auron Sherrill, Smyrna, Church, Lincoln co. Charles Mills, Co. Michaell, Charles Landon

Jacob Troutman, St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.

John Cowan,
Benjamin Lightell, Christ's Church, Rowan co.

Samuel Fleming, \\ Dr. Thos. D. Parke, \\ Calvary Church, Wadesboro.

Mark M. Henderson, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, Joseph Lever, St. Andrew's Church, Burke co. John Davis, St. Jude's Church, Orange co.

The Rev. G. Shober, the Rev. Daniel Sherer. General Paul Barringer and Col. Henry Ratz. attended

as Delegates from the Lutheran Synod. UPSec the 4th & 5th articles of agreement in the Convention between the P. E. Church of N. C. and the Evangelical German & English Lutheran Synod, at p. 11, of the Journals for 1822.

The Rev. JNO. AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, was not present during this session.

TOTRIAL, &c.

Salisbury, Thursday, April 10th, 1823.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was attended in the Church, tendered by the proprietors, to the Convention, for their meetings. Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. W.M. M. Green, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. R. S. Mason.

Business was then commenced, the Rev. Adam Emple acting as President, and the Rev. R. S. Mason as Secretary pro tempore.

PRESENT- OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. Robert Davis, Deacon and Missionary,
Rev. Adam Emple, Rector St. James' Church, Wilmington.
Rev. Wm. M. Green,
Rev. Wm. Hooper,
Rev. R. S. Mason,
Rev. Robt. J. Miller,
Rev. Thos. Wright,
Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.

The following Lay Delegates then presented the certificates of their respective appointments—viz:

Geo. W. B. Burgwin, St. James' Church, Wilmington,
Jun. A. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Han. Duncan Cameron,
St. Mary's Church, Orange co.
Walker Anderson,
S. Mary's Church, Williamsboro',
Hen J. L. Taulor,
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess,
Christ's Church, Raleigh,

Alexander Caldcleugh,
Dr. Wm. R. Holt,
James R. Dodge,
Aaron Sherril, Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.
Charles Mills,
Jacob Troutman,
John Cowan,
Benj. Lightell,
Samuel Fleming,
Dr. Thos. D. Parke,
Geo. W. Hathaway,

St. Peter's Church, Lexington.
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Samuel Fleming,
Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.

The Rev. G. SHOBER, the Rev. Daniel Sherer, and Col. Henry Ratz, appeared as Delegates from the Lutheran Synod, and took their seats as honorary Members of the Convention, according to the 4th of the articles of agreement between the Convention of the P. E. Church of this diocess, and the Lutheran Synod.

The Rev. Adam Empie was elected President, and the

Rev. R. S. Mason Secretary of the Convention.

Certificates of organization for the two following Churches were presented; and the said Churches, in compliance with their petition, were admitted into union, viz: St. Andrew's Church, Burke co. presented by the Rev. R. J. Miller, and St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, by the Rev. Wm. M. Green. The following persons then appeared as Delegates from the said Churches, and were admitted to seats in the Convention—viz: Mark M. Henderson from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and Joseph Lever from St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.

The following persons were appointed by the President a committee to examine the certificates of delegation and report who were entitled to seats in this house: Rev. Messrs. Hooper and Mason, and Duncan Cameron, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, that candidates for orders in this Church, who may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats.

The following persons were next appointed by the President, a committee on the state of the Church: Rev. Messrs. Miller, Green and Wright, of the clergy,

and Hon. J. L. Taylor and Hon. Duncan Cameron of

the laity

On motion, Resolved, that the President be requested to appoint a Clergyman to preach a sermon as preparatory to a collection for aiding the funds of the Missionary Society. The house then adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The house met. Duncan Cameron, Esq. from the committee to examine the certificates of delegation, reported that all the certificates presented appeared with

proper authenticity.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions for the Episcopal fund were called on to report; but with the exception of the Rev. Mr. Davis, who stated his report was not yet ready, it appeared that by no others had any thing been effected.

Dr. Wm. Dobson, a Delegate from St. Peter's Church,

Lexington, appeared and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and the following were presented:

St. Paul's Church, Edenton,

REV. JNO. AVERY, RECTOR.

Baptisms in E denton, in Washington	co	4 . 9
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Barials in Edenton-adults 9	, children 6,	15
in Washington co.	1,	1
in Bertie co.	1,	1
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Commicants, - College the Missional	ry Society S 82	22

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

REV. ADAM EMPIE, REC	ror	-
Baptisms, 1 Marriages,	2 7	
	3	
Of which 9 only belonged to the parish.		
Communicants, 137		
Since our last report, 15 have been added; but	dea	ths
and removals have more than counterbalanced	the	in-
crease.		
The number of white adults in this parish is about Number of children, about Number of coloured persons of all ages,	1	130 100
Number of children in the Sunday school,		100
COLLECTIONS.	(30	00
In Church, for the Convention fund	26	60
do. for the Missionary Society	34	75
Received for do. from the Prayer Book & Missionary Society	12	00
Received for do. from Ladies working Association	20	00
By annual subscriptions of Julius Walker and Dr. De Rosset	4	00
Amount of missionary collection,	70	75
The state of the congregation continues the salast reported. In compliance with the recommendate of the last Convention, a Cent Society has been lished for the benefit of the missionary fund.	ndat	ion
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,		
REV. W. HOOPER, REC	TOR	•
Baptisms,	6	
Funerals,	4	
	-3	
Contributions to the Missionary Society, 8		

Since the last Convention, 5 new communicants have been added; but in consequence of deaths and removals, the whole number has not been increased. At the last visitation of the Bishop, six persons were confirmed.

For the purpose of increasing religious knowledge hroughout the congregation, of promoting a taste for eading and cherishing a spirit of picty, a parochial lirary has here, as in several of the other Churches, been egun; and from the subscriptions and donations already btained, it is hoped this Library will soon furnish to the Ongregation a facility of access to the best religious aulors, and offer an encouragement to the perusal of them; s well as constitute a permanent library for the use of Le pastor of the church—an object to which the attenon of every congregation ought to be directed. as also been formed in the congregation, a Society hich meets weekly for the joint purpose of social prayer, rad of contributing a small sum to the funds of the Misionary Society. This Society I trust will be the means f promoting the growth of piety, and drawing more losely the ties of christian affection among the members f the congregation. Its meetings have not been as well ttended as could be wished, but the revenue of their veckly contributions to the missionary fund, has amountil in the course of the year to 90 dollars, and affords a Peasing proof of the ease with which considerable sums nay be raised from very small contributions, regularly And if each christian throughout the diocess vould, in imitation of St. Paul's direction to the Churches. esolve to lay by, on the first day of the week, a small um dedicated to God, he would be surprized, at the 'ear's end, to find accumulated in his sacred treasury. vithout being missed, a sum which he would perhaps tave thought himself unable to spare.

The Sunday school, conducted by members of the ongregation, is still flourishing. Upon the whole, I trust hat a spirit of religion is growing among us. Public vorship is well attended, and the congregation serious and attentive. In the course of the last summer,

f preached occasionally at Pittsboro', Chapel Hill, Hillsboro', St. Mary's Chapel, and the Rockingham Springs and administered the communion at St. Mary's Chapel.

Christ's Church, Newbern,

REV. R. S. MASON, RECTOR.

Baptisms, Newbern-adults 4, children	12,	16
St. Thomas' Bath,	15,	15
Zion Church, Beaufort co.	17,	17
Herritage's Mills,	1,	1
Total		49
Burials—Newbern 9, Pitt co. 2. Total		11
Marriages—Newbern 3, Beaufort co. 2,		5
Communicants,	-	58
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Since last report, 5 communicants have removed, 2 have died, 1 has withdrawn from the communion, and 4 have been added.—At the Bishop's last visitation, thirty

persons were confirmed.

Besides the regular services performed in the parish, the Minister thereof has occasionally visited Washington and Bath in Beaufort co. Grace Chapel in Pitt co. St. Matthews, Kinston, Lenoir co. and Trinity Chapel and Zion Church in Beaufort co. each once. He would earnestly though respectfully recommend these places to the attention of this body. No places can more need its fostering care. The services of a Missionary would be eminently useful and valuable in sowing the seed of the gospel, in disseminating the pure principles of christianity. Shall we delay till the opportunities be lost?

Collected for the Missionary Society-at Newbern-

\$61—at Washington \$44—Total \$108.

Calvary Church, Wadesboro',

REV. THOS. WRIGHT. RECTOR.

Baptisms—a	ıdult.	ร อ์	, cl	rild	rer	1 I I	,		-		16
Burials,	-	-	-	-		-	•	-		-	6
Marriages,	-		-		-		-		_]
Communicat	nts,	•		-		-		-		-	6

About 40 children attend the Sunday school.

Thirty dollars and eighty cents have been collected for

the Missionary Society.

Besides my regular ministrations at Wadesboro', I have officiated since June last, once, and sometimes twice a month at Sneedsboro'. I have also celebrated divine service at Wilmington and in its vicinity 8 or 10 times—at St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and Christ's Church, Rowan, once each. Twice I attended at St. Peter's Church, Lexington, and aided by Mr. Davis, administered the communion to six persous.

St. John's Church, Williamsboro',

REV. WM. M. GREEN, RECTOR.

Baptisms do.	at Williamsbor			-	6 1
	at Raleigh,	1 child		-	1
	at Pittsboro'	1 -	-		1
		Total			9
Marı	riages at Willia	msboro'	-	-	2
Com	municants at V	'illiamsboro'	-		17
	do. at V	Varrenton,	-	-	14

The Church at Williamsboro', which four years ago was a perfect ruin, has been thoroughly repaired, and I feel myself in duty bound to state that this has been owing principally to the active exertions of a few ladies of the congregation. At Williamsboro', I have generally devoted the afternoon of Sundays to the instruction of the blacks.

At Warrenton, a neat and commodious Church has been erected, which was opened with appropriate services on the 8th of August last. The Sunday school in this place is still kept up by the unremitted activity and benevolence of the females of the congregation.

Christ's Church, Rowan co.

REV. R. J. MILLER, MINISTER.

Baptisms-Christ's Church, adults 2, children	. 1 4	16.
	14.	15
do. St. Michæl's Ch. adults 1, Whitehaven Ch. Lincoln co. 1,	13,	
		14
Smyrna Ch. Lincoln co.	6,	6
St. Andrew's Ch. Burke co.	5,	_5
· Total		<i>5</i> 6
Communicants in the whole,	125	
Burials at Whitchaven, 3, one aged 98 y	cars.	
at St. Andrew's, 3, one aged 95		
Total 6		
Marriages at Whitehaven,	1	
REPORT OF REV. ROBERT DAVIS.		
Baptisms—St. Peter's Church, Lexington, adults 6, childr	en 16.	22
do. Christ's Church, Rowan co.		16
do. Smyrna Ch.	10,	1
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do. St. Jude's Ch. Orange co.	1,	I
do. St. Mary's, do.	1,]
To	tal	41
Burials-St. Peter's, Lexington,	4	
Christ's Church, Rowan co	- 4	
Total	8	
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Catechumens in all,	49	
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After the reading of the Reports, Dr. A. S. H. Burgess presented the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, that a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of acting upon the resolutions passed at the last annual convention of this diocess, relative to the election of a Bishop for said diocess: and also into the practicability of raising funds adequate: o his support: and that the committee report at a subsequent meeting of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the committee consist of five, and that the President be requested to appoint the members thereof.

The following persons were then appointed members of said committee: Rev. Messrs. Hooper and Green, Duncan Cameron, Esq. Dr. A. S. H. Burgess and Geo.

W. B. Burgwin, Esq.

The same persons as in the preceding year were appointed members of the standing committee, viz: Rev. Adam Emple, Rev. Wm. Hooper, of the clergy, Messrs. Jno. A. Cameron, Robert Strange and Charles T. Haigh, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned to meet the following

day after divine service.

At night, divine service was held in the court house; prayers by the Rev. R. S. Mason, and a sermon by the Rev. Wm. Hoopen.

Friday, April 11th.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. R. J. MILLER, after which, the Convention assembled for business. The minutes of the preceding day were read.

Wm. H. Haywood, a Delegate from Christ's Church,

Raleigh, appeared and took his seat.

Dr. Wm. Dobson requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session, stating that he was called off on necessary business; leave was accordingly granted.

Certificates of organization for the following Churches were presented, and the said Churches admitted into union with this Convention; viz: St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir co. Zion Church, Beaufort co. Trinity

Chapel, Beaufort co. St. Thomas' Church, Bath, by the Rev. R. S. Mason, and St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co. by the Rev. Robt. Davis.

The standing committee of the last year were then

called upon to report, and presented the following:

Report of the standing committee.

The standing committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocess of N. Carolina, beg leave to pre-

sent the following report of their proceedings during the

past year:

Mr. Geo. W. Freeman, of Warrenton, and Mr. Geo W. Hathaway of Wadesboro', having made application to become candidates for orders in this Church, and having produced the requisite testimonials, have been accordingly admitted.

Mr. Amos C. Treadway, a Minister of the Methodist Church at Newbern, made known to the committee his wish to receive ordination in our Church. Having presented all the testimonials which the Canons require, he was accordingly recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's orders, and proceeded immediately to Virginia, where he was ordained by Bishop Moore, and it is believed that he has since been employed in that diocess.

The attention of the committee has also been lately called to the application of Mr. Ita Parker, who has been for some years a Minister of the Methodist Church in Halifax co. and parts adjacent, but now wishes to receive ordination in this Church. The committee having had laid before them very satisfactory testimonials of Mr. Parker's character and qualifications, have determined to recommend him for ordination.

The following persons have been authorised to officiate as Lay Readers: Mr. Geo. W. Hathaway at Wadesboro'; Mr. Joel Patrick at Grace Chapel, Pitt co.; Mr. Walker Anderson at St. Mary's Chapel and parts adjacent, in Orange co.; Mr. Ichabod Wetmore at St. Matthew's parish, Kinston, Lenoir co.; Mr. Jas. Marsh at St. Thomas' Church, Bith. Beaufort co.; Mr. Jarvis B. Buxton at Zion Church, Beaufort co.

Rev. John Phillips applied for leave to remove to the

diocess of Virginia, which was granted.

A communication was received from the Board of M magers of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, to know whether there could be expected from this diocess any aid to the funds of that Society, and whether it would be expedient to send an agent to make collections for that purpose. To this communication it was

replied, that the Church in this diocess having immediate and pressing wants which call for the concentration of all its resources, was not prepared at present to lend that aid to the Dom. & Foreign Mis. Society which it could wish, and which it hopes in time to effect. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the committee.

W. HOOPER, Clerk.

The following persons were then elected Delegates to the Lutheran Synod: Rev. Messrs. Davis and MILLER of the clergy, and Dr. Wm. R. Holt and Alexander Caldeleugh Esq. of the laity.

The Delegates to the General Convention were next ballotted for, and the following persons were found duly chosen: Rev. Messrs. Avery, Hooper, Mason and Green, of the clergy; Messrs. Ino. A. Cameron, Josiah Collins, Moses Jarvis and Alexander Caldeleugh, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at four o'clock.

4 o'clock.

Convention met. The contributions from the different parishes, to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention, were called for, and the following congregations rendered in the sums accredited to them.

St. James' Church, Wilmington,		_		\$ 26 50
Christ's Church, Newbern,	-		-	21 00
Christ's Church, Raleigh, -		-		20 00
Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.	-		-	4 00
St. John's Church, Williamsboro',		-		3 75
				\$ 75.25

John Davis presented a certificate of appointment as Delegate from St. Jude's Church, Orange co. and was admitted to take his seat as such in the Convention.

The nomination of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was then ballotted for, two being the number allowed for this diocess, agreeably to the 3d article of the constitution of that Seminary; the Rev. Adam Empt Duncan Cumeron, Esq. were nominated Trustee the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Convention. The Convention then adjourned, to the following day after divine service.

At night, divine service was celebrated in the house; prayers by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, and a s

by the Rev. Mr. GREEN.

Saturday, April 1

Morning prayer by the Rev. Adam Emple a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Davis. After whic minutes of the preceding day were read.

Gen. Paul Barringer, a member of the delegatio the Lutheran Synod, appeared and took his seat.

The report on the state of the Church was then for, and the following was presented:

Report on the state of the Church.

The committee on the state of the Church, in 1 ing to the Convention, rejoice that they have again abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving to Him whom "cometh the intrease" of the Church. On reing the Parochial Reports of the last year, and co ing them with those of the preceding year, we fir many have been added to our communion; and that out exception, each individual parish appears to l flourishing condition. The establishment of par braries appears to be engaging the attention of the c and it is a measure which the committee cann highly recommend to every congregation. schools which have heretofore been established, ; ported by the Rectors of the respective Churches: receiving the attention of the pious, and they hop blessing of the Almighty.

The Missionaries who have been employed be Convention during the last year, report favourably prospects of the Church in that section of the standard they have laboured. The committee wou

mind the members of the Church throughout the state, as well as those here present, that for our past success, particularly in the western part of this state, we have been indebted (under God) to the exertions of a few zealous Missionaries. The members of our communion are so scattered throughout the different sections of the state, that missionary labour is the only possible method of supplying their call for the ordinances of the Church. These scattered sheep should not be neglected. The committee, therefore, would recommend, not only to this Convention, but to the Church at large, the propriety of increased exertions and increased liberality in behalf of the Missionary Society.

At this Convention, seven new congregations have been admitted into union with the Church in this state; most of them are from the eastern part of the diocess. The number of communicants belonging to the Church in this state is 480, as reported; though the exact number, or the increase since last year, cannot be correctly ascertained, owing to the fact that a great part of the congregations, not having the benefit of regular ministrations, their true state cannot be reported. The baptisms during the last year have been about 200. Our friendly intercourse with the Lutheran Synod still continues, and may it long continue. A representation from that body has appeared in the Convention, and we hope to draw still more closely the bonds which have for some time, connected us.

In taking a general view of the state of the Church, the committee, whilst they acknowledge with gratitude our past success, cannot help regarding this portion of the tabernacle as a body in a great degree without a head. Our exertions hitherto, conducted we hope with a single eye to God's glory, have met indeed with unexpected success; but except when blessed with such counsel and assistance as the pious and excellent Bishop Moore was able, from the multiplicity of his engagements, to afford us, have still wanted the fatherly direction of a Bishop. We would therefore urge upon the Convention the neces-

sity of maturing, as speedily as possible, the plans for

obtaining a Bishop in this state.

The above is respectfully submitted as being a brief notice of the circumstances which have engaged the attention of the committee.

W. M. GREEN, Chairman.

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After the report was accepted, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. R. S. Mason, for the instructive and impressive discourse delivered by him at the opening thereof.

Resolved, That it is understood by this Convention, that the compact entered into between the P. E. Church of N. C. and the Lutheran Synod of the same, as recorded in the journals of the last year, relates to the Protestant Evangelical German and English Lutheran Synod of N. C. and no other.

The following report was then presented from the Missionary Society:

Report of the committee from the Missionary Society.

The committee to whom it was referred to report on the state of the Missionary Society, beg leave to present the oblowing:

It oppears that the Board of Managers, during the pastyear, employed four Missionaries for the term of six mouths—The Rev. Mr. Green, in the eastern, and the Rev. Messrs. Miller, Wright and Davis, in the western

part of the diocess.

The Rev. Mr. Green, having parochial charges at Williamsborough and Warrenton, has been able to give only one third of his time to the calls of the Society, and during that time has laboured chiefly at Raleigh and Oxford. He has occasionally visited Halifax, Milton, and St. Mary's Chapel in Orange, and thinks all of those places deserve the attention of the Society.

The Missionaries in the western part of the diocess report favourably of the prospects of our Church in that



quarter; but as yet they have made no collections in aid of the funds of the Society.

It was hoped from the assurances the Society received at the last annual meeting, that the funds raised by collections in the congregations where the Missionaries were employed, would have been sufficient to defray the expenses of the missions; but this expectation has been disappointed, and the Missionaries for the ensuing year are again earnestly desired, previously to their attendance at the next Convention, to make, in all the congregations where they labour, collections for the missionary fund, and to bring forward such collections with them to the Convention; and it is hoped this suggestion will induce influential individuals in the several congregations served by our Missionaries, to exert themselves in assisting the Missionaries to make such collections. It is but reasonable that the Missionary should derive his support from those who enjoy his labo ir of love; whereas at present the missionary fund consists almost entirely of contributions from congregations and individuals in other parts of the diocess.

It is true that in parts of the country where the interests of our Church are weak and incipient, little pecuniary aid can be expected; but from the accounts which the Missionaries have exhibited, of the number and ability of the adherents to our Church, in the district assigned them, we have reason to believe that much more liberal assistance might be obtained than has hitherto been realized.

The disbursements during the year, including payment of arrears due the Missionaries for the preceding year, amount to \$922.37

The receipts during the same time inclusive of collections paid into the treasury at this Convention, amount to

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Leaving on hand a balance of

\$ 182 97

Respectively submitted,

WM. HOOPER, Committee,

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Hooper, Resolved, That an individual be appointed by the President, in every congregation, to solicit annual subscriptions to the Missionary Society; it being understood that this resolution is not intended to supersede or interfere with any modes of raising missionary funds already adopted in any congregation, but only to co-operate with them.

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Resolved, 2dly. That the Secretary of the Missionary
Society be directed to announce to each person so appointed, the said appointment; and to request him, in the name
of the Convention, to accept of it, and to carry into effect
the above resolution, forwarding annually, by the Delegates to the Convention, the monies thus received.

Resolved, 3dly. That the Secretary of the Missionary Society be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Convention with a copy of the names of the subscribers to the Missionary Society, and that this be printed in the next journals, at the close of the report on the Missionary Society.

LIST OF PERSONS APPOINTED.

St. James' Church, Wilmington, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Christ's Church, Newbern, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, St. John's Church, Williamsboro' St. Jude's Church, Orange co. Trinity Church, Tarborough, St. Mary's Church, Orange co. Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, Christ's Church, Raleigh, Christ's Church, Rowan co. St. Mark's Church, Halifax, Calvary Church, Wadesboro', St. Michæls Church, Iredell co. St Peter's Church, Lexington, Grace Chapel, Pitt co. Whitehaven Church, Lincoln co. Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.

Julius H. Walker. Jno. W. Wright. Moses Jarvis. Jos. B. Skinner. Col. Thos. Skinner. Robert King. Jas. Clarke, Walker Anderson. Jno. Anderson. Wm. H. Haywood. Wm. Chun. Edmund B. Freeman. Wm. Dismukes. Chas. Mills. Dr. Wm. R. Holt. Wm. Pugh. Dr. Wm. Johnson. Reuben Emerson.

St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co. St. Thomas' Church, Bath, Zion Church, Beaufort co. St. Andrew's Church, Burke co. St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co. St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,

Nathan G. Blount.
Reading Grist.
Jas B. Marsh.
Jarvis B. Buxton.
Joseph Lever.
Alexander Lowrance.
Samuel Garthwait.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, as one of the members of the committe appointed last year to collect funds for the permanent support of a Bishop, presented his report, which was referred to the committee on the Episcopate. The Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. Burgess, from the committee on the Episcopate,

presented the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing a Bishop, and of enquiring into the probable prospects of raising a fund for his support, ask leave to report, That they have taken the above subject into consideration, and from the flattering representations of the different members of the Church now in Convention, and a reliance upon the liberality of our brethren generally, your committee entertain no doubt but a sufficient sum may be raised in this diocess, by private contribution, for the comfortable support of a Bishop; and from the great need there is in our diocess of the labours of one, and the confident hope that their expectations in being able to support him may be realized, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in compliance with a resolution of the last Convention, this Convention do forthwith proceed to the election of a Bishop for the diocess of North-Carolina.

All which was adopted.

On motion of Jno. A. Cameron, Esq. Resolved, That the Rev. WM. M. GREEN be appointed a General Agent for the purpose of soliciting donations and subscriptions to create a fund for the support of the Episcopate in this state.

The following resolutions were next adopted:

hesolved. That the place of holding the next annual Convention be at Williamsborough, Granville county.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have six hundred copies of the journals of this Convention printed.

Resolved, That he likewise cause the constitution and canons of the Church in this state to be published with the journals.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at nine

o'clock P. M.

Nine o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. EMPIE, the President, The house met. being necessarily absent, the Rev. Mr. MILLER was called to the chair.

On motion, Fesolved. That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, for his able discharge of the office of President.

Resolved. That the Convention does hereby recommend to the several congregations throughout the state, that they should annually elect a vestry of four cr more persons, and two churhwardens; and for the sake of uniformity, does likewise recommend to each congregation,

Ear Monday as a day for such purpose.

The clergy having informed the house that they had unanimously nominated, according to the 9th article of the constitution, the Rev. John S. Rayinschoft, Rector of St. James' Church, Mecklenburg co., Virginia, as a suitable person for the office of Bish in this diocess: the Convention proceeded to consider the said nomination, when it was found to be un mimeusly agreed to by those prose at. It was then on motion of the Rev. Mr. He or : n.

Resolved. That a committee of three persons be oppointed to digest a plan for juying the salary of our Bishot, and for estal ishing a feet, went fund for the Thise that of this discusser and that the said temperature

be requested to report in Montay nor regardless. The Honordie, L. Torbo, And the confidence and June 2001 report Pages were appeared in our research committee.

Dr. Thomas D. Packe and Wm. Dodge Esq. requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Leave

was accordingly granted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Salisbury and its vicinity, for their kindness in extending to us the use of their Church during our present session, and likewise for their hospitality to the members of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention request the editor of the public newspaper of this place to

publish the above resolution.

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The house then adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday, April 14th, 8 o'clock A. M.

The house met. The minutes of the preceding day were read. After which, the committee appointed on the Rev. Mr. Hooper's motion, presented their report. which, after some amendments, was adopted.

REPORT.

Whereas the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, Rector of St James' parish, in the diocess of Virginia, hath been at the present Convention elected Bishop of this diocess, according to the form and manner prescribed in the canons of the constitution of the P. E. Church in the U. S. and of the constitution and canons of the P. E. Church in this state, Resolved, That the standing committee be requested to communicate the same to the Bishop elect, and to transmit to him the testimonials required by the third canon, to enable him to receive consecration to that holy office, at the next General Convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the annual salary of the Bishop elect, until the further order of the Convention, be fixed at the sum of 750 dollars, to be paid semi-annually, exclusively of parochial support; and that the Rev. Wm. M. Green, who hath been appointed Agent to raise a fund for that purpose, be requested to remit such sums as he may from

time to time receive, to the standing committee for the time being, who are hereby constituted trustees for receiving and disbursing the same.

Resolved, That the committee be requested to invest the surpluss of the sum at the end of each year, in some

permanent and productive fund at their discretion.

On motion, Resolved, That so much of the second article of the constitution of the Church in this diocess, as prescribes the time of the annual meeting of the Convention to be on the second Thursday after Easter, be repealed, and that in future the time of meeting shall be on the third Thursday after Easter in each and every year.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two clerical and one lay member of the Convention, be appointed to draft an address to the members and friends of the Episcopal Church of this diocess, setting forth the immediate necessity of creating a fund for an Episcopate, informing them of the appointment of a General Agent for that purpose, and earnestly soliciting their exertions in aid of the same; and that such address, as soon as prepared, be printed by the Secretary of the Missionary Society, and forwarded to the Clergymen of the respective congregations in the diocess, and all such other means adopted, as by the committee may be deemed most expedient for the free and general circulation of the same.

The Rev. Messrs. HOOPER and MILLER of the clergy, and the Hon. J. L. TAYLOR of the laity, were appointed the committee.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the establishment of Sunday schools to the several parishes in this diocess.

After prayer, by the President, the Convention adjourned, sine die.

ADAM EMPIE, President.

Attested,

RICHARD S. MASON. Secretary.

Constitution

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. Carolina.

ARTICLE 1.—The Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U. States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

2. There shall be an annual convention of this Church, on the third Thursday after Easter, at such place as shall

be fixed by each preceding convention.

3. The convention shall be composed of such regularly ordained ministers as are settled in this state—such as are employed as professors or instructors of youth in incorporated seminaries—of such as are missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of one or more lay delegates for each Church, chosen by the vestry or congregation thereof.

4. Every convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the

ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

5. A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, who shall, ex officio, be President of said convention.

6. A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give due notice to each minister and vestry, of the time

and place of the next meeting of the convention.

7. A Standing Committee shall be annually chosen, of not less than three, or more than seven persons, who shall have power to admit candidates for the ministry; and

until a Bishop shall have been appointed, to examine the testimonials of foreign clergymen, to call special meetings of the convention, and to transact all such other business as they are empowered to do by the constitution and canons of the general convention.

- 8. In all matters which shall come before the convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals, and the laity by congregations: but if in any case it be required by two votes, the two orders shall vote separately, and a concurrence shall be necessary to costitute a decision.
- 9. The election of a Bishop of this diocess shall be made in convention in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman for that office—and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice; provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.
- 10. This constitution may be altered or amended by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the attending members, at any annual meeting of the convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.—Passed april 3, 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Lishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II .- PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial, of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. Board, thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop; and also. in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence, which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the Ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the state.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 4th canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married; the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, and the names of the parents; the name of the person buried; and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also

keep a register of the names of the communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI .- PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

The Clergy required to uttend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoinsed on them. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the en swing Convention, they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII .- PASSED MAY 2, 1821.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the constitution and canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated; appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a delegation of any number of persons not exceeding four, may be received into union with this Church, and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in this Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions have been complied with.

CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH.

In the Diocess of North-Carolina.

St. James' Church, Wilmington: St. John's Church, Favetteville: Christ's Church, Newbern: St. Paul's Church, Edenton: St. Jude's Church, Orange co.; Trinity Church, Tarborough: St. John's Church, Williamsborough: St. Mary's Church, Orange co.; Finnamuel Church. Warrenton; Christ's Church, Rowan co.; Grace Chapel, Pitt co.; St. Mark's Church, Halifax; Calvary Church, Wadesborough; Christ's Church, Raleigh; St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co.: St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co White Haven Church, Lincoln co.: Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.: *St. Andrew's, Burke co. : "St. Stephen's, Oxford: "St. Peter's Lincoln co.; St. Thomas' Bath: St. Matthew's, Kinston: ³Zion Church, Beaufort co.,

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Constitution

Of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name or title of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Epis-

copal Church of North-Carolina.

2. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, at the same time and place at which the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North-Carolina for that year, may be held.

3. The officers of this Society shall be, a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and a

Board of Managers, consisting of four.

 It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Society, and to call special meetings of the same.

5. The Vice-Presidents, by seniority, shall in the absence, or at the request of the President, perform the duties of President.

 The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of this Society, and conduct the accessary correspondence.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep an account of the same, and pay them by order of the Board

of Managers.

3. The Board of Managers, consisting of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall appoint Missionaries, to superintend their missionary labours, and authorize them to receive such compensation for their services as the Board shall deem expedient. When the funds will permit it, they may aid young men who are studying for the ministry, and who shall, in such case, after they take orders, be bound to act as Missionaries as

long as the Board think proper; provided, that it exceed

not one year.

 Persons shall be appointed, in various parts of the state, to solicit such aid for the support of Missionaries as the pious and well disposed may be inclined to contribute, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer, together with the names of subscribers.

 Each person whose subscription may amount to two dollars annually, shall be considered a member of said Society. Twenty dollars shall entitle a subscriber

to membership for life.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the attending members at any annual meeting of the Society.

12. The members attending, shall always constitute a

quorum for the transaction of business.

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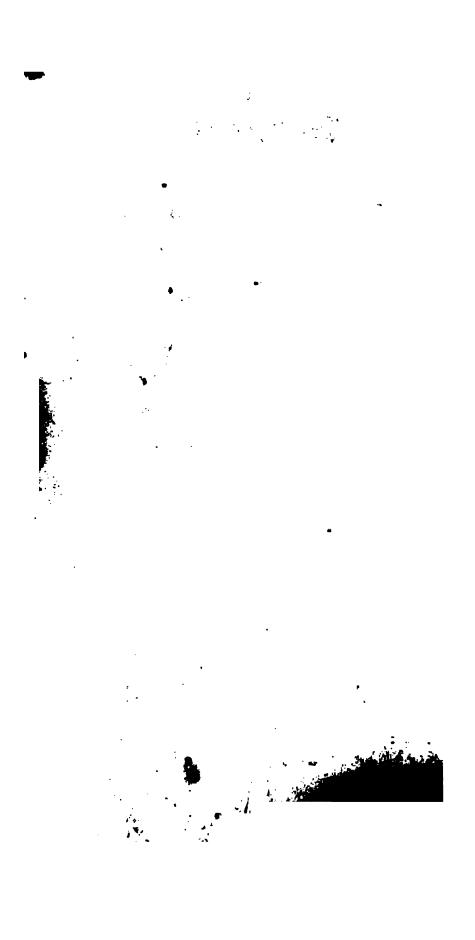
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CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. J. S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. ex officio President of the Convention.

Rev. Jno Avery, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Adam Empie, St. James' Church, Wilmington.

Wm. M. Green, St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

Wm. Hooper, St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern.

R. J. Miller, St. Michæl's Church, Iredell county.

LAITY.

Hon. J. L. Taylor, Col. Jno. S. Ellis, Christ's Church, Raleigh. Geo. W. Freeman, Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, Thomas B. Lippitt, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Julius H. Walker, St. James Church, Wilmington. Haynes Waddell, John Little, St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Col. Wm. Hunt, St. John's Church, Williamsborough. John Taylor, Thomas H. Kean, Walker Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co. Tippoo L. Henderson, } St. Stephen's Church, Oxford. Samuel S. Garthwait, St. Stephen's Church, Oxf Col. Jno. R. Clarke, St. Paul's Chapel, Milton. Abner P. Neale, St. Peter's Church, Washington. Dr. Luico Mitchell, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Jno. Anderson, James H. Otey, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

Clergy of other diocesses, who attended this Convention.

Rev. ROBERT DAVIS, from Pennsylvania ROBERT B. CROES, from New-Jersey.

The Rev. Thos. WRIGHT, a member of the Convention, was not present during this session.



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WILLIAMSBOROUGH, THURSDAY, MAY 6th, 1824.

His being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was performed by the Rev. ADAM EMPIE. and a sermon delivered by the bishop, from Amos, chap: 7. v. 8. After this, the house proceeded to organize itself; the Rt. Rev. J. S. RAVENSCROFT, D D. being in the chair, and the Rev. R. S. MASON, acting as Secretary pro tempore.

The list of the clergy being called over, the following were

found to be present:

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Rev. Jno. Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. St. James' Church, Wilmington. Adam Empie, St. John's Church, Williamsboro'. WM. M. GREEN, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Wm. Hooper, R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern.

R. J. MILLER, St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co. The certificates of lay delegation were then presented; and

being read and approved of, the following persons took their seats:

Julius H. Walker, St. James' Church, Wilmington. James S. Green,

Thos. B. Lippitt, St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Jno. S. Ellis,

Hon. J. L. Taylor, Christ's Church, Raleigh. Geo. W. Freeman, Dr. A. S. H. Burgess,

Walker Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co.

Col. Wm. Hunt, John's Church, Williamsborough.

John Anderson, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

The Rev. R. S. Mason was then elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that such candidates for orders in this Church, and such clergymen of this Church from other diocesses, as may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats. On which resolution, the Rev. Mr. Crozs from New Jersey, and the Rev. Mr. Davis from Pennsylvania, took their seats as honorary members.

The Episcopal Journal was then read by the bishop; after which the house adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on the

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following morning.

BISHOP'S JOURNAL.

On Thursday evening, April the 24th 1823, I received by the handle of the Raw. Mr. Gunde, he my waitlened in Virginia, a letter from the Rev. Mr. Entre, President of the standing committee, announcing my manifemous election, by the Convention of the Presentant Episcopal Church in North-Chrolinia, as the history of that disease.

To this mexpected, and unsought for call to so very responsible as office, I could oppose nothing, but the deep sense of the insufficiency of my qualifications. But as this was overbalanced by so evident an interposition of the providence of the great Head of the Church, I felt it to be my duty, all things considered, assessment myself to his disposal, thus declared; and the name uniquitie to the disposal, thus declared; and the name uniquitie to the copy of which is herewith presented.

Being formished with the required testimonials from the diocese, I proceeded to the General Convention of the Church to meet in Philadelphia on the 20th of May; and the further testimonials, required by the third canon, being signed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies—the House of Bishops were pleased to accept of me, and to appoint Thursday the 22nd for my consecration; which accordingly took place on that day, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, as will more fully appear by the certificate of consecration; signed by the Bishops present and officiating, and which is herewith offered for the inspection of this Convention.

Being thus invested with the Episcopal character, and charge over this diocese, the members of which, with the exception of not more than a dozen, were personally strangers to me, I returned to Virginia, to prepare for removing to Raleigh, the place designated for my residence; and in the mean time, to

^{*}See Appendix A .-- See Appendix B.

supply such services as the contiguity of my home to the northern part of the diocese rendered practicable. The notice of which now follows:

On Friday the 27th June, I left home on my first Episcopal visit to the diocese, on which journey I visited the following Churches: First—St. John's Church, Williamsborough; where, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Green, I preached on Saturday, to a small congregation, owing to the wetness of the day. On Sunday the 29th, divine service was again performed, a sermon preached, and the holy communion administered—The congregation numerous and attentive.

From Williamsborough, I proceeded, on Tuesday the 1st July, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Green, to Oxford; where divine service was performed and a sermon preached by candle light, in the Methodist house of worship in that village, to

a full congregation.

On the next day, proceeded on my journey to St. Mary's Chapel, in Orange county, where the next appointment was made for Sunday the 6th July—where the services of the Church, and the other duties of my office, were performed with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Green, to a congregation too numerous for the Chapel to contain. The people, however, had erected an arbour to shade them from the sun; under which the word of God was preached to them. At this place I baptised eight adults and one infant, confirmed twenty-four persons, one of them, Mr. Latta, between eighty and ninety years of age, and desirous, above measure, to add this apostolick rite to the other grounds of his faith in the revealed promises of God. I also administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's supper to forty-five communicants; some of whom belonged to other denominations.

After these services, I proceeded on to Hillsborough; where divine service was performed in the evening by myself, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, in the Presbyterian

Meeting House.

On Monday the 7th July, preached in the forenoon and in the evening, to a very respectable collection of the people; the service by the Rev. Mr. GREEN.

On Wednesday the 9th, proceeded on my route to Raleigh,

where we arrived in the evening.

Notice having been previously given for Thursday evening, and the use of the Presbyterian House of Worship very kindly offered during my stay, divine service was therein performed by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a sermon by myself, in the evening.

Saturday the 12th, divine service by the Rev. Mr. Green, in the forenoon, after which I preached, preparatory to the communion on the next day.

Sunday the 13th, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gazza, the services of the Church were presented in full, to a numerous congregation. The communicants few in comparison; many of them dissenters. I preached again in the evening, and took leave of the inhabitants for the present, from whom, as also on my whole route, I have received all those marks of attention and respect, which made me feel, that I was not a stranger in a strange land; but a welcome guest, among brethren and friends.

Having completed the necessary arrangements for remoting my residence to Raleigh by the close of the year, a house not being to be procured sooner, I left Raleigh on Monday aftermoon, the 14th, and proceeded home, where I arrived on the 18th.

On the 27th August, I again left home, on a visit to the western Churches of the diocese, directing my route first to Oxford, as the nearest organized congregation; where I arrived in the evening, and was met by the Rev. Mr. Green.

Read prayers and preached the next day, to a very respectable audience; only a small number of them, however, Episcopalians; and went in the evening to Dr. Bullock's, where there

was an appointment for me to preach the next day.

Friday the 29th, preached to a collection of the neighbours, under the trees in the doctor's yard; but could only have the service in part, both from want of books, and want of acquaintance with the forms. Went on in the evening to Judge Cameron's, where I rested on Saturday.

Sunday the 31st, attended at St. Mary's Chapel, where I was met by the Rev. Mr. Hooper, who read prayers, after which, I preached to a numerous congregation, and administered the holy communion. In the course of the services, I baptised one adult, and confirmed six persons. After the services of the day, proceeded on to Hillsborough, where I remained all night.

Tuesday the 2d, attended my appointment at St. Jude's Church; where I performed the service of the Church, and preached to a large congregation of people—here I baptised one infant. Returned to Mr. Davis's and preached by candle light in Stony Creek Meeting House, to a numerous congregation.

My next appoinment being at Lexington, I proceeded from Mr. Davis's for that place; where, on Friday the 5th, I performed divine service, and preached to a very small number of people, and apparently unaccustomed to our services, though organized as an Episcopal congregation. In the afternoon went on to Salisbury.

On Saturday evening divine service was performed by desire in the Court House, after which I preached on the subject of confirmation, many of the candidates for that rite being present.

According to previous notice, on Sunday the 7th, divine service was performed in the Church, both forenoon and afternoon, After divine service in the forenoon, together with a sermon. administered the rite of confirmation to thirteen persons; and after sermon, administered the communion to about forty, of The Church was crowded with whom one-third were blacks. people; but I had no means of ascertaining what proportion considered themselves Episcopalians. To determine this as far as possible, I invited the members and friends of the Church to attend a meeting at Mrs. Beard's, on Monday evening; where I lectured from the 2d chap. of the Acts of the Apostles, and in conclusion, requested those who were disposed to unite in organizing an Episcopal Church in that place, to make themselves known; when twenty-one of the company present rose up, as a declaration of this intention. This number, with those necessarily absent, and others resident in the vicinity, whose sentiments, are known, present a very favourable prospect. Hitherto, however, as far as I am informed, no efficient steps have been taken to organize, or provide a clergyman.

Being disappointed in the expectation I had entertained, to be here met by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and the Rev. Mr. MILLER, to whom I had committed the arrangement of my official duties west and south of this point, I concluded to proceed, and to visit Christ's Church, in the neighbourhood of Salisbury.— On Wednesday the 10th, accordingly, I left Salisbury, and went on to Capt. Hall's. Here I was joined by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, on Thursday morning, and went on with him to meet the congregation of Christ's Church, according to notice; where divine service was performed, and a sermon preached, to a rather

numerous congregation for a week day.

According to notice given on Thursday, divine service was held at Christ's Church on Saturday, by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I preached on the subject of confirmation, to a very respectable congregation of the people, and gave notice for the

services of the ensuing day.

Sunday the 14th. Divine service was again performed by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I confirmed fifty persons, preached, and with the assistance of Mr. WRIGHT, administered the communion to sixty-three professors of the faith of the gospel. The house was entirely inadequate to contain the numbers who were present.

The unhappy and very injurious privation of the regular services of the Church, in most of the congregations which I have visited, have led me to resort to the only substitute, in the appointment of lay readers; and here, for the first time in this visit, I found the congregation willing to receive, and an indi-

vidual willing to render, this very efficient service to the cause of religion. On the recommendation, therefore, of the congregation of Christ's Church, I authorized Mr. WILLIAM BARBER to officiate as lay reader therein.

Tuesday the 16th, I attended at St. Michæl's Church, Iredell county; where divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the communion to thirteen, who had hope in God,

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Obtaining here no news of Mr. MILLER, (who, I have since learned, was prevented by an alarming accident to himself) and ascertaining that no notices were given for my further progress west and south, it was concluded to abandon the prosecution of my original purpose for this time, and bend my course to Wadesborough.

In the prosecution of this design, the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT and myself proceeded through Salisbury to Wadesborough, where we arrived on Thursday the 18th, myself labouring under the

pressure of severe indisposition.

Having, however, made use of the necessary means in the interval, so as to check in some degree the violence of the fever, I consented to officiate on Saturday, preparatory to the services notified for Sunday. The return of the fever in the afternoon was severe, and on Sunday morning my servant was cast down with the disease of the climate.

Several persons, however, in this portion of the vineyard, having looked forward to this opportunity with anxious expectation, I felt that they were not to be disappointed for any personal ease to myself. Though feeble in body, I confirmed eleven persons, preached, and administered the holy sacrament to seventeen. In the afternoon preached again, to the injury of my health, being much exhausted, and attacked next day very violently. On the 12th of October, however, I preached twice, and catechised the children, greatly to my satisfaction, and to the credit of their parents and pastor.

I officiated on Sunday the 19th, to an attentive congregation of different denominations, in Pittsborough; and proceeded next day to Raleigh, where I arrived on the 21st. Officiated three times, once on the evening of Friday the 24th, and twice on Sunday the 26th, in the Presbyterian House of Worship, and

baptised one infant.

I left Raleigh on Monday the 27th, for Warrenton, where I arrived the next day, under all the symptoms of a relapse. I nevertheless performed divine service and preached the next day, to a small but serious collection of the inhabitants, the weather being cold and rainy. From this place my journey home was

tendered painful by return of fever, under the effects of which I laboured until the 3d of December.

Having made the necessary preparations, I at length removed from Virginia with my family, and took up my residence in Raleigh, on Saturday the 20th of December; having officiated in Williamsborough the Sunday previous. But as there was yet no House for Worship provided in that place, I continued to officiate occasionally in the Presbyterian House of Worship, until Saturday the 18th of January; when divine service was performed, and a sermon preached, both morning and evening, in the house rented and fitted up as a temporary Chapel by the congregation of Christ's Church.

To supply as far as possible, and in the only mode as yet possible, the want of regular services to the Churches in the western section of the diocese, I have commissioned the following gentlemen as lay readers: Charles Mills, senr. for St. Michæl's Church, Iredell county; Alexander Lowrance for St. Peter's Church, Lincoln county; Robert H. Burton and Daniel M. Forney, for Whitehaven Church, in the same county; and Thomas A. Sumpter for St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.

Mr. John Davis was commissioned to act as lay reader at

Wavnesborough.

The new Episcopal Church in Newbern being ready for consecration, the vestry of that parish applied to me to appoint a day for that purpose; which I fixed for the first Sunday in February. On the 23d of January, therefore, I left Raleigh in the stage, and on Saturday evening preached in Waynesborough, to a pretty numerous collection of the inhabitants and neighbourhood, in the tavern, apparently with acceptance. On Monday I arrived in Newbern, where I was most kindly received, and lodged with Mr. Asa Jones.

In pursuance of appointments previously made, I lest Newbern the next day, with a view to devote the interval to the Churches in the adjoining country; and, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Mason, arrived at Washington that evening, where divine service was performed by Mr. Mason, and a sermon preached by myself, in the new Episcopal Church in that place.

On Wednesday the 28th, proceeded to Bath, where a large congregation was assembled in the venerable old Church (of that once, more populous town) built in the year 1732, and yet in tolerable repair; and where I preached, baptised three adults,

fiven children, and confirmed twenty-five persons.

On the 29th, left Bath for my next appointment at Zion Chapel, on the road to Washington; where the usual services were performed to a crowded and engaged audience; and where

I baptised six adults, one of them 67 years old, and twelve infants, and administered confirmation to twenty-four persons. Here I must take leave to remark, that the lively condition of these two congregations, and the deep interest felt for the revival of the Church, is owing, under God, to the realous and persevering, and discreet exertions of the two lay readers who officiate amongst them—Mr. Buxton, and Mr. Marsh, aided by the occasional visits of the Rev. Mr. Mason: an example, which, I trust, will be fruitful in encouraging others to go and do likewise.

In the evening I returned to Washington, where I baptised one infant; and, after preaching on the subject, confirmed

twenty persons.

On Friday the 30th, the new Church in Washington being in a sufficient state of forwardness, and every necessary step being taken to confirm the property and possession of it to the Protestant Episcopal Church, the building was solemnly consecrated and set apart to the worship of Almighty God, according to the Liturgy of the P. E. Church, and to the administration of the word and sacraments, to the use of that communion for ever, by the name or title of St. Peter's Church, Washington. In the duties of the day was included the administration of the holy communion.

In the evening left Washington and its kind inhabitants, for service at Trinity or Blount's Chapel, a distance of four miles; where, after the service by the Rev. Mr. Mason, and a sermon by myself, by candle light, I administered the rite of confirma-

tion to seven persons.

In the section of country through which I have just passed, it glads my heart, brethren, to find the affections of so many of the inhabitants still strong towards the Church of their fathers; and it was truly a rejoicing spectacle to me, in a country, which, judging from the roads, hardly contained inhabitants, to find such numbers, quite at home in our Liturgy, and prepared and desirous to profit by those apostolick services, which they had learned to revere, as wise appointments of the great Head of the Church, for the increase of his grace in their hearts, and for their establishment and assurance in the one faith and hope of the gospel.

On the next day, Saturday the 31st, we returned to Newbern. Sunday, February the 1st 1824.—The necessary deeds being the previously prepared, as in the case of St. Peter's, Washington, and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hooper, the Rev. Mr. Mason, and the Rev. Mr. Treadway, of the diocese of Virginia, then on a visit to his friends—I consecuted and set apart to the worship and service of Almighty God, according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

and to the use of that communion for ever, the elegant and appropriate brick building lately erected in Newbern, by the name or title of Christ's Church.

This building does great credit to the taste and liberality of the contributors. There is nothing superflous in ornament; but a chaste simplicity characterises the whole of the finishing.—May the simplicity and godly sincerity of the gospel be the ornament of those who worship in its courts.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen, the sermon by myself; after which the holy communion was administered.

The novelty of the occasion drew together a multitude of people, even more than the house could contain; and from the seriousness with which the different services were regarded, the hope is entertained that good and favourable impressions were made. In the evening the usual services were performed by the Rev. Mr. Gezzn, after which I preached a sermon.

At the request of the vestry, and on their suggestion that it would have a favourable effect on the sale of the pews, I consented to remain the week in Newbern; during which period I officiated twice, in the evening, and again on Saturday evening, at which time I baptised one adult, and administered the rite of confirmation to thirteen persons.

On the next day, Sunday the 8th, divine service, morning and evening, by Mr. Mason, after which I preached and administered the holy communion in the forenoon, and in the evening again preached and catechised the children. During this visit to Newbern, every thing was calculated to impress my mind with the most favourable anticipations in favour of religion and of the Church.

On Monday the 9th, I left Newbern on my return to Raleigh; and took a circuit through Pitt county, for the purpose of visiting a small congregation at Grace Chapel, to which Mr. Mason has sometimes officiated. On Tuesday forenoon, the service of the Church was performed by Mr. Mason, and a sermon by myself, to a pretty numerous congregation; after which he conveyed me to Kinston, where there was an appointment for evening service, which was filled up to a large and very attentive audience, assembled in the Court House. Here I had the satisfaction to learn, that the affection of the people to the Church of their fathers, is sufficiently alive to engage them in providing a House of Worship, which is expected to be completed in the course of the current year. I here met the stage, and taking leave of the Rev. Mr. Mason, returned therein to Raleigh.

My next visit was to the Churches in Fayetteville and Wil-

mington; for the former of which places I set out from Raleigh on Thursday the 4th March; and according to previous notice given to the Rev. Mr. Hoopen, divine service was held in the Church in Fayetteville, on Saturday the 6th, and after a sermon on the subject, confirmation was administered to eight persons. Divine service was again performed on the evening of that day, by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen, and a sermon preached by myself, to a numerous and attentive audience.

On Sunday the 7th, the regular and usual services of the day were attended to, and the holy communion administered in the forenoon—the congregation large and engaged. In the evening, the service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Rob't. Croes, and a sermon by myself, to a still more numerous collection of

people.

During my stay in this place, as every where else, it has been my object to obtain as much personal knowledge of the members of the Church as my very limited time would permit; in which I was very promptly met and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen, on this occasion, as heretofore by the other clergy; and, as I hope, to the mutual comfort and edification, both of them and myself. The evening of each day was appropriated to the public services of the sanctuary, and to the edification of the pulpit, in which I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen. During the service on Monday evening, I baptised an infant. On Wednesday the 10th of March, I left Fayetteville in the

stage for Wilmington.

In the evening of the next day, met there a very respectable congregation for evening prayer. The remainder of the week was filled up in private visits to the members of the Church, during the day, and in publick service and preaching in the evening, to very numerous and attentive congregations. In all which it was my endeavour to subserve the general interests of religion, and the particular and inseparable interests of the Church.

On Sunday the 14th, previous to the hour for service, I catechised the children, much to my satisfaction, and to their credit who attend to this essential duty. I preached to a very full congregation, and administered the holy communion to about 120 communicants, several of whom were blacks, of a very devout and orderly spirit.

In the afternoon, divine service was again performed, by the Rev. Mr. Enrie, and a confirmation held; when, after a sermon on the subject, by myself, nine persons received that regularly apostolick ordinance of our holy religion.

On Monday the 15th, I visited Mr. Julius Walker, a member of the congregation, confined by indisposition, and administered to him, and five others of his family, the consolations of religion in that bread and cup, whereby we are made partakers of the body and blood of Christ. In the evening, public service, and a sermon by myself, the congregation still numerous.

The next day the Rev. Mr. Enrie performed divine service, during which I baptised seven children, and afterwards preached on the duty of religious instruction to the young members of the church; taking my leave of the people for the present.

On Tuesday the 20th of April, I left Raleighfor Edenton; and proceeding through Tarborough, preached there on the evening of the 21st, to a numerous, attentive, and gratified audience. But though our service was once known and used in this place, long interruption of regular ministrations has operated so injuriously, that I was compelled to use it only in part. The Church, however, has still remaining here a numerous, respectable, and warm body of friends, requiring only the help and countenance of a discreet and able pastor, to revive and flourish.

Finding an appointment made for me the next day at a place of public worship called Cahukie, distant 25 miles, I left Tarborough early, and met the congregation there assembled, between twelve and one o'clock; the day was rainy, and many were consequently prevented from attending; a goodly number, however, were present; but here, also, the service could only be partially used; though on the opposite hill, once stood a Temple, the walls of which were once vocal with the devout strains of our spirit stirring Liturgy. I however preached to the people assembled; but whether to their edification, I had no means of judging.

From this place I crossed Roanoke, on my way to Windsor, where there was an appointment for me the next day; which I reached in time; and where, with a little instruction to the few friends of the Church in that place, I was enabled to have the service very respectably performed; and afterwards preached to a numerous collection of the people in the Court House.

On Saturday, the 24th, I reached Edenton, after a rough and rather tedious passage of the sound. In the evening, according to previous notice, I held a confirmation in the Church in that place; when, after divine service by the Rev. Mr. Aveny, and a sermon by myself, I administered that rite to five persons, all of them females.

It will no doubt be remarked, that the number presented for confirmation in those parts of the diocese where there are fixed pastors, is comparatively small; it is however to be accounted for from the circumstance that these congregations have heretofore had the advantage of Episcopal ministrations; and because also of the regulation I have adopted, requiring the clergy to be

answerable for the qualifications of those by them presented, of personal knowledge and conference with them; in order that by due care in this behalf, the odium cast upon this ordinance, by its promiscuous administration, may be avoided in this diocese; and the ordinance itself be restored to the reverent estimation due to it, and the religious benefit certainly to be derived from

it, when duly and rightly received and applied.

On Sunday the 25th, divine service was performed both foremoon and afternoon, by Mr. AVERY, and a sermon preached by myself. The holy communion was administered in the foremoon; and throughout all the services, great attention and engagedness was manifested. During my stay, I endeavoured to see as many of the congregation as my time would permit; and among other things, pointed out to them the great addition it would be to their pastor's usefulness among them, could he be set free from the laborious duty of charge of the academy, a step which I trust will be taken in due time.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the service was performed, and a sermon preached, to numerous and attentive audiencies; on the last of which I took my leave of them, to fill up an appointment made for me in Murfreesborough, on the evening of Friday the 30th. Here I met a numerous congregation; but with a few exceptions, entire strangers to the service of the Church. There are, however, a few favourable to our views of divine truth and outward order in religion; but nearly overborne by the weight of other denominations. For one of these I baptised a child next morning—as also did the Rev. Mr. Avery, one in the family in which he lodged.

From hence, my next appointment was in Halifax, for Sunday forenoon; but all possibility of reaching it was prevented, by the sudden and unexpected rise of the river Roanoke, rendering the ferries, and indeed the small streams three miles from

its banks, impassable.

Thus, my brethren, have I laid before you the course of my labours in the diocese since I was called to the administration of its concerns. The narrative is necessarily succinct in its details; but sufficient, I would hope, to suggest to the assembled council of the Church, those measures, which are at once necessary and practicable, for the advancement of those high interests which we all have at heart. That there exists throughout the country, particularly in the middle and eastern sections of the state, a sentiment of respect and affection for the Church of their fathers, is proved to me by many testimonies; and by none more, than by the cordial welcome I have every where met with. To cherish and keep alive this sentiment, and to fan into a flame of active exertion this smoking flax, will depend on the measures

bring into operation. To shew, then, that there is a point; that there is a body of their brethren steadily in devising and maturing plans for their relief, and for 5 to them the benefit of religious ministrations, as as the nature of the case will admit of, will encourage ndure yet longer; will stir them up, to meet your reations with hearty concurrence; and arm them to se insidious insinuations, which apply the desolateness scattered and insulated condition, as an argument to the cause. To lay before them a well devised system ing into operation the means we possess, and applying lusively to the interests of the Church, will create con-Much that is now latent, will and increase ability. If; and much that is now squandered in other directions, n into its proper channel.

ertions of this and every other kind, we are strongly d, my brethren, by a review of what it hath pleased of for us in the few short years of the Church's revival. at what we were seven years back, and to look at what its day, must move the most indifferent to step forth, may be workers together with God, in this moral on; must encourage the most timid, not to despair of and engage every heart, every head, and every hand, in counsel, and in action, for the prosperity of Zion. ur operations, you may count upon my most hearty tion; and may the spirit of counsel and sound wisdom, all your labours, and guide them to a happy issue.

FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 9 o'CLOCK A. M.

couse met according to adjournment. The journals of eding day were then read; after which, the following n, moved by the Hon. J. L. Taylon, was adopted: red, That whenever it is recorded in the Journal, that I was preached during the Convention, the name of the an by whom it is preached, together with the text from is preached, shall be added.

arochial Reports were then called for, and the following

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH,

Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, D. D. Rector.

tate of the congregation of Christ's Church, Raleigh, is hole encouraging. The services are well attended, in 19 rented and fitted up for the purpose; and under all lvantages of frequent interruptions in the regular duties abbath, from my other duties to the diocese, it is evi-

dent that the Episcopal cause is gaining ground; and what is more, that the cause of religion is progressing. A weekly evening lecture, at the private houses of the members, is respectably attended; and though differing essentially from what are commonly called prayer meetings, and as such, the subject of various animadversion, is nevertheless unfolding its superior utility in the great purpose of conveying information on the scriptures generally.

The number of communicants is about 25; though from various circumstances, they have never all been present at any one administration of the holy sacrament. The number of members of the congregation, declared as such, is about 35—The baptisms in the congregation since last October, have been 3 infants, and 1 adult. One marriage—no funeral. During my occasional absences, Mr. George W. Freeman officiated as

lay reader.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON,

Rev. Adam Empie, Rector.

Baptisms, - - - 23 Marriages, - - 6 Funerals, - - 8

Communicants, - - 146 of which 20 are Africans. Since the last Convention, 17 white, and 3 black communicants have been added to our number; but we have in the mean time lost 11, by death, removal, and desertion.

I have likewise baptised 6 at Salisbury, and 1 at Raleigh; and attended the funerals of 9 in Wilmington, who did not be-

long to my parish.

The number of families in this parish is about

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do. of white adults, upwards of	200
do. of children, about	130
do. of coloured persons of all a	res. about 100
The number of children in the Sunday scho	ol is not so great
as it has been for some years past. It is to be	hoped that chris-
tians will not become weary in so good a caus	e.
Collection in Church for the Convention fu	nd, \$ 14 95
do. for the Missionary So	ciety, 45 50
for do. from the Ladies' Working As	sociation, 20 00
do. from the Missionary & Prayer Bo	
do. from the Cent Society,	5 50
do. Dr. De Rossett and Julius H. er's subscription,	
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Amount of Missionary collection	ns, \$82 50

I may here state, once for all, that I am in the habit, every year, of visiting seven different places in the vicinity of Wilmington; at each of which I preach, and administer the communion 2, 3, or 4 times annually.

The state of religion among us, is, I trust, not on the decline; but it exhibits, amid some cause of gratitude and holy joy, abundant cause for prayer and humiliation, and for increased watch-

fulness and zeal.

As it may serve to stimulate others to the like good work, I will add, that a number of young misses, between 6 and 14 years old, have, by one of our young ladies, been formed into a society, and spend one afternoon in each week, in working for the purpose of charity. May their hearts, as well as their hands, be ever engaged in the cause of Him who went about doing good.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,

Rev. Wm Hooper, Rector.

Baptisms in Fayetteville, 11, of which 5 were black children. in Chatham co. 5——Total 16

Communicants, - - - - 54
Burials, - - - - 5
Marriages, - - - - 2

Since the last Convention, four new communicants have been added.

I am happy to state, that there appears an increasing spirit of piety in the congregation: several persons have begun to reflect seriously on the importance of religion. Some who have been for many years communicants in the Church, have been led to examine themselves, to see the difference between the form and the power of godliness; and to determine to seek more diligently the renewing and comforting influences of true religion. The Sunday school belonging to this congregation is fourishing and increasing.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH,

Rev. Thomas Wright.

Baptisms—adults 2, children 5—7
Communicants, - - 14
Confirmed in September last, - - 11
Burials, - - 1

Collected in aid of the Missionary fund, \$8 25.

Our Sunday school continues to flourish, and it is believed that much good has resulted from the zeal and activity of the teachers in this labour of love.

The state of the congregation is encouraging, the numbers of communicants having doubled since the last Convention, and there is ground of hope, that some other friends, (in whom we trust a good work has been begun) will ere long do as their divine Master has bidden them, and kneel with their brethren at Blessed be God for heavenly aid in this quarter of His vineyard. It is still with us the day of small things; yet we have reason to be thankful, that, whereas according to information received in 1821, there were but three baptised persons in the village; 16 adults and 18 children, have since been added to the Redeemer's Church, and there is strong hope of further increase.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN,

Rev. R. S. Mason, Rectors

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Baptisms in Newbern-adul	ts 3, ch	ildren 15,	18
in Washington,	2	4	6
Bath,	3	18	21
Zion,	8	18	26
		Total	71
Burials in Newbern, -	-	- 6	
Pitt county,	-	1-	-Total 7
Marriages,	· •	- 4	•
Confirmed,	•	- 13	
Communicants,	-	- 67	
Collection for the Missionary	y Socie	ty, \$ (32 00

Since the last Convention, 2 communicants have died, 3 have removed, and 14 been added.

Besides the regular ministrations in his own parish, the rector of this Church has occasionally preached in the adjoining parishes. From the beginning of the present year, Sunday evening has been appropriated to lectures on the scriptures, and catechetical instruction for the benefit of the coloured people, and it is hoped, not without profit.

The new Church, the building of which was, at the last Convention, announced to be in a state of great progress, has since been completed; and I am happy to say that the congregation is nearly, if not quite, as numerous in proportion to the size of

the building, as it was in the old Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON,

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms in Edenton, Murfreesborough, 1-Total 6

Marriages,		•		-		-				•	3
Burials,	-		-		•		•		-		6
Communica	ants	,		-		-		-		-	25

ST. MICHÆL'S CHURCH, IREDELL CO.

Rev. R. J. Miller, Rector.

The past year has been to me a period of sore trial and priwation in all my ministerial duties; arising from two circumstances, over which I had no controul. The first was by the Rev. Mr. Davis leaving this section of the diocess, without any previous notice, or provision made to supply his place; and the second, by a personal misfortune that befel myself, and incapacitated me from travelling, from August to April. To the congregations so imperfectly organised as most of them were, this has raised obstacles in the way of our success among them; and more labour and exertion will be required to bring them back to their former state, than would otherwise have been necessary to ensure our complete success. I have not been able to administer the communion during the past year, to any of the Churches except Christ's Church, on Easter day; when there were 57 communicants, two of whom were Africans. have, however, no reason to think, that on the whole there is any diminution of numbers in the Churches, with the exception of St. Michæl's; where, contrary to my best hopes, and as I think, their best interest, our Lutheran brethren have generally withdrawn. In consequence of the above, and some other circumstances, little or nothing has been done this year, in behalf of the bishop's fund, or that of the Missionary Society. notwithstanding this tardiness for the past years, I have hope that as soon as proper application is made, all our reasonable expectations will be realized.

		Baptisms. Bur	ials.
Christ's Church, Rowan co. Adults	2,	children 24—26	3
St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.	•	12-12	5
St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co.	1	7— 8	4
St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co.		4 4	
Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.		1 1	3
Whitehaven Church, Lincoln co.		1111	1
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,		1 1	2
On my way to the Convention,	1	- 1	
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		64	18
Collections-Bishop's fund,		\$ 6 00	
Missionary fund,	,	16 75	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH,

Rev. W. M. Green, Rector.

At Williamsborough—Communicants, 18, Removed 3, died 1 Emmanuel Church, Warrenton—Communicants, 11 Removed 2 Baptisms 5, of these, 2 adults.

St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co.—Communicants 24

Baptisms 17

St. Paul's Chapel, Milton-Baptisms At Hillsborough-

St. Luke's, Salisbury-Baptisms-1 adult, 1 infant, In presenting this Report to the Convention, I would mention, that what from my necessary duties as Agent for the bishop's fund, and from other causes equally imperious, I have been absent from my congregation one third of the last year. To this cause principally, I would hope that the almost station-

ary numbers of the congregation under my charge may be at-

I would humbly hope, however, that a spirit of piety is still among them; and that there needs only more frequent and regular ministrations in each place, to increase the number of those who wish to come out and be separate from an evil world.

Report presented by Abner P. Neale.

St. Peter's Church, Washington,

Baptisms-Adults 3, children 4, 20 Confirmed, Communicants, 14

Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.

Confirmed 7—Communicants 4

St. Thomas' and Zion, Beaufort co.

Baptisms 11—Confirmed 51

After the Parochial Reports, certificates of the organization of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and of Union Church, Waynesborough, were presented, and the said Churches admitted into union with this Convention.

JOHN LITTLE, Esq. the delegate from St. Paul's, Edenton, now appeared and took his seat.

A committee on the state of the Church, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Empir, Miller and Hooper, of the clergy, and of Messrs. Taylor, Green, Waddell and Little, of the laity, was next appointed.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Bedell, of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, was read, and referred to the Rev. Messrs,

Hooper and Empie, and the Hon. John L. Taylor.

The Rev. Mr. Empire then presented a number of resolutions, which were referred to the committee on the state of the Church; after which, the following preamble and resolution, moved by the Rev. Mr. Empire, were adopted:

Whereas by the consecration of our worthy diocesan, the temporary connexion that subsisted between this Convention and the Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore of Virginia, has been dissolved,

Resolved, unanimously, that the Church in this diocess is greatly indebted to the fostering care of the venerable bishop of Virginia; that she entertains the warmest sentiments of respect for his character, and gratitude for his friendly visitations, and the disinterested seal he has uniformly manifested in her welfare; and that our President be respectfully requested to tender to the Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, the strongest assurances of this our respect and gratitude.

The following resolution, the question being put by the Sec-

retary, was then adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rt. Rev. prelate, for his excellent discourse delivered at the opening of this Convention, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

To which request the bishop was pleased to give his consent.

A certificate of delegation, from St. Peter's Church Wash-

A certificate of delegation, from St. Peter's Church, Washington, was then read, and ABNER P. NEALE, as delegate from that Church, admitted to a seat in this house.

The Rev. Mr. Empire then presented the following resolution,

which was adopted:

Whereas it has been suggested by the bishop, that inconvenience may arise from the practice of a vote of thanks for the annual sermon at the opening of the Convention, and the compliment of requesting a copy for publication; be it, therefore, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this house, that the practice be henceforth discontinued.

The Convention then adjourned, to attend divine service.— Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Aveny, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. MILLER, from Matt. 16. v. 24.

After divine service, the house again assembled for business.

Mr. Thos. H. Kran, a delegate from St. John's Church, Wil-

liamsborough, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of delegation from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, was presented, and Tippoo L. Henderson, a delegate from the said Church, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mason, Resolved, that the next

Convention be held in Washington.

The committee appointed at the last Convention, to collect funds for the Missionary Society (see Journals for 1823, p. 20)

were called on to report; when \$ 12 00 was reported to have been collected at St. Michael's Church, Iredell co. by Mr. Chas. Mills.

The contributions to the contingent fund were then called for,

and the following rendered in:

St. James' Church, Wilmington,	\$ 14 95
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	10 00
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	2 00
St. Mary's Church, Orange co.	3 00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	4 00
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	13 50
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The Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock the following morning.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The house met; and the minutes of the preceding day were read.

A certificate of the organization of the congregation of St. Paul's Chapel, Miltou, was presented, and the said congregation admitted into union with this Convention.

A certificate of delegation from the said congregation, appointing Col. J. R. CLARKE to represent it in this Convention, was then read, and being approved, Col. J. R. CLARKE took his seat as a member of the house.

The committee on the Rev. Mr. Benell's communication respecting the Theological Seminary, being called on to report, presented the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

The special committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. GREGORY T. BEDELL, addressed to the Convention, res-

pectfully report:

That they have examined the Journals of the Convention from its first establishment, for the purpose of ascertaining the authority by which the Rev. Mr. Bedell's zealous and meritorious services as Agent of the Theological Seminary, were first rendered, and thereby to ascertain the relation in which he stood to this Convention. But the appointment of Mr. Bedell to such Agency, is not to be found in them; though, in 1821, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to him for his services, a recognition made of his Agency, and a resolution passed, requesting him to continue his exertions. It is believed, however,

hese proceedings were had in the spirit of approving the of the General Convention, and of giving such increased nce to the efforts of Mr. BEDELL, as might be derived from nantenance and sanction of this Convention. Your come have no reason to believe, from any record, or docuary evidence, that an original power as Agent was devolved r. Bedell by the Convention. On the contrary, they have red information from a highly respectable source, that the riptions to the Theological Seminary were so arranged, be made payable to John Winslow and J. A. Cameron, s., and the money, when received, to be by those gentleio invested, as to form a productive fund for the establishof a professorship; and if this information be correct, it vs, that Mr. BEDELL is accountable to the survivor of these emen, who alone is now authorized to receive the money, tive Mr. Bedell an acquittance. Thus, any act of this ention, in settling with Mr. BEDELL, would be without auy on their part, and without security on his; and even if Convention were to receive the sums collected, and pay over to the Theological Seminary; it would amount to a h of faith to the subscribers, in violating the original terms e subscription. Your committee, therefore, recommend, copy of this report be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. BEDELL, But your committee would wish to guard s guidance. st any inference that, because an interference of the Conon in this case is deemed improper, their anxiety for the erity of the Seminary has suffered any diminution, or their ction of its vital importance to the growth and prosperity e Church, is in any degree weakened. On the contrary, remain deeply impressed with a sense of the wisdom of the eption; and with grateful remembrance to all those who by zeal or munificence have imparted strength to this nursery pious and enlightened ministry; and trust that it will yet powerful instrument under God, of proclaiming the glad 5s of the gospel to thousands who might otherwise have in the darkness of ignorance, and died in the despair of :lity.

ne committee on the state of the Church, next presented report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

te committee on the state of the Church, respectfully report:

at since the last Convention, the Church has continued to

er, in a degree commensurate with all reasonable hopes

spectations. The Sunday schools have generally continued

flourishing condition. *Three new congregations have

te number is really four. For though St. Peter's, Washington, through aegligence or forgetfulness, was not formally recognized; yet its ac-

been added to the Church; the number of communicants has been greatly augmented. It has pleased the great Head of the Church, to bless the efforts of the ministry, and to dispose the hearts of the people to increased piety and purity; and the progress of our faith is such, as to call for renewed gratitude to God for these marks of his favour. The unwearied labours of our venerable bishop, during the short time he has been in the diocess, have imparted a new tone to the interests of the Church; and the extent of these blessings may be seen in the annexed Journal, replete with interest and information, and which at the same time obviates a more detailed performance of the duty confided to the committee.

The Rev. Mr. Empie's resolutions, which had been ordered to lie on the table, were now called for, and adopted, with the annexed Canon.

1. Resolved, that John W. Wright, Esq. be appointed Treasurer of the Convention, and Agent to manage the Episcopal fund, under the direction of the standing committee; and that he make an annual report to this Convention, of the state of his accounts and agency.

2. Resolved, that the said Agent do invest the surplus of the sum at the end of each year, in some permanent and productive fund, with the approbation of the standing committee.

3. Resolved, that the bishop be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the semi-annual instalments of his salary, as they become due.

4. Resolved, that the bishop be requested to draw upon the Treasurer for his travelling expenses, as soon as they shall have been incurred; and that he draw forthwith for those already incurred.

CANON.

An annual contribution shall be made by each congregation in this diocess, to defray the expenses of the bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention; and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they are received.

The Treasures of the last Convention then delivered in his report, which was referred to the Rev. Mr. Hooren, and Mr. Latter.

Entwiedgment of the Constitution and Canons of the P. E. Church in general, as well as the Church in this state, being well known, and a delegate having been received from said Church, as a member of the present Convention; it must be considered as forming, de facto, a constituent part of the Convention.

Resolved, that the Canons passed at the General Convention of 1823, be inserted in the Journals of this Convention.

Resolved, that the election of delegates to the Gen. Conven-

tion be annual.

The Rev. R. S. Mason, as Secretary of the Convention, then made several communications from the Journal of the General Convention of 1823.

The Convention, after this, adjourned to attend divine service, and to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Choes, from N. J., preached this morning, from Acts xvi. v. 31.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met. On motion of the Hon. J. L. TAYLOR, Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to procure a blank book, in which shall be recorded the correspondence, commission, and other papers relative to the appointment and consecration of the diocesan, together with all papers and documents relative to the organization of Churches.

Dr. Luico Mitchell, from St. Luke's, Salisbury, and Mr. Saml. Garthwait, from St. Stephen's, Oxford, appeared and took their seats.

The delegates to the next General Convention were then ballotted for, and the following persons elected: of the clergy, Rev. Messrs. Empir, Mason, Hooper and Green: of the laity, Hon. Jno. L. Taylor, Hon. Duncan Cameron, and Messrs. Moses Jarvis and Josiah Collins.

The standing committee for the year ensuing, were next ballotted for; and Rev. Messrs. Enpie and Hooper of the clergy, and Messrs. Haigh, Strange, Jeremiah Lippert and Chas. Mallett were chosen.

The standing committee for the past year, then presented their report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

In the course of the past year, very little business has come before the committee. In their session at the last Convention, they granted to Mr. IRA PARKER the testimonials required by the Canons, in order to his offering for ordination Mr. Parker proceeded to Virginia, was ordained by the bishop of that diocess, and has not since returned to this state.

At the present Convention, the committee have, upon receiving the required certificate, agreed to admit as a candidate for orders, Mr. ALEXANDER NORRIS. There are at present, therefore, four candidates for the ministry in this diocess.

This committee having been appointed Trustees for the application of the Episcopal fund, have the satisfaction to report, that the Rev. WILLIAM GREEN, who was appointed Agent for making collections for the Episcopate, has been considerably successful, and that he deserves the thanks of all the friends of our Church, for his active and zealous fulfilment of his Agency.

It appears from an examination of Mr. Green's accounts, that the whole amount subscribed us yet for the bishop's fund, is \$8,240, payable in five annual instalments, with the exception of \$30, which is payable in three annual instalments.

The sum actually collected by the Agent, amounts to \$1,878; of which, after deducting the bishop's salary, and the travelling expenses of the Agent, their remains on hand a balance of \$1,111 94, which has not as yet been vested in any productive fund.

As it is believed that many friends of the Church who have not yet been applied to, would subscribe to this fund, the committee would respectfully recommend the continuance of Mr. Gren's agency, as his past success has proved him so well qualified for the important trust confided to him by the Convention; and it is hoped that the value of his services to the diocess in this respect, may induce him to accept of the same agency for the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. EMPIE, Chairman of the standing com.

It was then, on motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention are eminently due, and are hereby given, to the Rey. Wm. M. GREEN, for the fidelity and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of Agent for the Episcopal fund.

Resolved, further, that he be requested to continue his Agency, and that he be authorized to appoint Agents wheresoever he shall judge them to be necessary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Empir, Resolved, that be a committee to consider and report upon the best means of raising an adequate fund for the Episcopate, and of preserving inviolate that which has already been subscribed and collected for that purpose.

The blank was then filled by the bishop's appointing the following persons to serve on the committee: Rev. Messrs. Avery, MILLER and GREEN, of the clergy, and Messrs. LITTLE, ELLIS, GREEN, LIPPETT, ANDERSON, CLARKE and MITCHELL, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

On Saturday night, the bishop preached on confirmation, from Acts xv. 41.; and administered this apostolick rite to several

persons.

On Sunday morning, the Church not being sufficiently large to contain all the persons assembled, divine service was likewise held in the Academy, by the Rev. Mr. Hoopen. In the Church, after morning prayer, the Rev. Mr. Empire delivered a discourse from Amos, iv. 12. The bishop administered again the rite of confirmation, to many who, through absence or indisposition, were unable to enjoy the benefits of it on Saturday; and also the holy eucharist, to a number of attentive recipients.

On Sunday afternoon, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Mason, for the purpose of making a collection in aid of the

Missionary fund, from 1. Cor. IV. 2.

MONDAY, 9 o'CLOCK, A. M.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Convention, reported that they had found it correct.*

Dr. Luico Mitchell requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

A committee from the Missionary society presented a report,

which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. John L. Taylor then presented the following Canon, which was passed.

CANON.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

After which, the mover requested leave of absence for the

remainder of the session, which was granted.

The house then adjourned, to meet after divine service.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Davis, from the 1st Psalm.

After divine service, the house again assembled.

The committee on the Episcopal fund, being called upon, presented their report; which, after amendment, was adopted, with the resolutions annexed.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of the Episcopal fund, respectfully report—That having reflected on the measures already adopted for the promotion of the object in view, are of opinion, that under existing circum-

stances, none more effectual, or more likely to attain the desired

end, can be selected.

In relation to the subscriptions to the fund, and the money thereon collected, your committee are of opinion, that it is not only highly expedient, but absolutely enjoined by the terms and purposes on which the contributions were made, that the fund should not be violated by payments out of the principal, for contingent uses; but that it should remain a permanent and productive source of the salary contracted to be paid the bishop, as far at least as such object is practicable. Your committee can devise no other plan of achieving this, and which would be more likely to be generally acceptable to the members of the Church, than by a contribution from the several congregations in the diocese, proportioned to their numbers and ability. With this view, your committee have annexed a specific sum, for the payments of which, the respective congregations ought, in their opinions, to be subject, and the sum, when received, be forthwith remitted to the Treasurer. Your committee are further of opinion, that no time should be lost in making an investment of the money now in the hands of the Rev. Mr. GREEN, in some stock yielding an interest; and to provide for these several objects, they beg leave to recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, that it is unnecessary to adopt any additional measures, to those already in operation, for the increase of the

bishop's fund.

Resolved, that the several congregations in this diocese, be required to make an annual contribution of the sums specified in the annexed scale, on or before the first day of January in each year.

Resolved, that the standing committee be required to invest the money now in the hands of Mr. Green, in bank stock of the State Bank of North-Carolina; or, at their discretion, in the stock of any other bank in the state, or on private security; and that they proceed from time to time, as other monies may be received from the same source, to employ it in the same manner.

Resolved, that as the annual contribution required of the different congregations, will not be sufficient to pay the bishop's salary, that the deficiency be made up out of the dividends on bank stock that may be purchased, or the interest arising on money that may be lent out on private security, or out of the fund that has been or may be obtained by subscriptions.

SCALE.

Wilmington,	⋬ 60⊷	Blount's Chapel,	4 15
Fayetteville,	60	Smyrna,	: 15
Newbern,	60 .	Zion,	15
Edenton.	60	Lexington,	10
Raleigh,	60	St. Andrew's,	. 10
Salisbury,	30 -	Kinston,	10
Williamsboro'	25	Tarborough,	. 20
Warrenton,	20	Waynesborough,	
St. Mary's,	25	St. Peter's,	5
Washington,	20	Oxford,	5
Wadesborough,	· 20	Halifax,	10
Christ's Church,	20	St. Jude's,	5
Milton,	10	Grace Chapel,	5
Bath,	15	St. Michael's	5
White Haven,	15		-
•		Total.	# 630

On motion, Resolved, that be a committee to draft an address to the members and friends of the Church, in this diocess, setting forth the immediate necessity of creating an adequate fund for the Episcopate; informing them of what has been done, of what is in prospect, and of the appointment of a general Agent for the purpose of earnestly soliciting their contributions for the same; and pressing upon them the absolute duty of applying their means exclusively to the wants of their own communion.

Resolved, further, that the above address be printed with the Journals, and that such a number of extra copies be struck off

as the Agent may think expedient.

The blank in the former resolution, was then filled by the bishop with the following names: Hon. J. TAYLOR, and WIL-LIAM H. HAYWOOD, Dr. A. S. H. BURGESS, and GEORGE W. Freeman.

It was then, on motion, Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Williamsborough and its vicinity, for their great attention and hospitality to the members of this Convention; and that the Rev. Mr. GREEN do give publick notice of this resolution.

Resolved, that of the Journals, and of the bishop's sermon,

there be printed each six hundred copies.

The Missionary Society's report, which had been ordered to lie on the table, was then called up, and after amendment Mopted.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the state of the Mission-

ary Society, beg leave to make the following report:

It appears that the board of managers have not been able to procure any missionary services during the past year. They appointed Messrs. Davis and Parker; but as both these gentlemen soon after left the diocess, no missionary services were performed by them. The funds, therefore, of the Society, have remained inactive and unemployed.

Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, \$342 66 do. collected and received during this Convention, 162 25 do. due to the Society, 168 00

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The house then adjourned, after singing and prayer, with the benediction from the bishop.

R. S. MASON, Secretary.

Canons

Passed in Annual Convention, in 1824.

CANON I.

Respecting Annual Contributions.

An annual contribution shall be made, by each congregation in this diocess, to defray the necessary expenses of the bishop's visitation, and the contingent charges of the Convention; and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they are received.

CANON II.

Respecting the bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

Canons:

Passed in General Convention, in 1823.

CANON I.

Regulating the admission of persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and repealing the first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for Orders in this Church, shall obtain admission of the bishop, or such body as the Church in the diocess or state in which he intends to apply, may appoint, at least one year before his ordination. The first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

The bishop of this Church in any state or diocess, or where there is no bishop, the standing committee, is authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons, to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible, by the standard edition, agreed upon by the General Convention. And a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with said book.

The following resolution was ordered to accompany this

Canon.

Resolved, by the two houses of Convention, that it be recommended to every future Convention, to appoint a joint committee, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of this Convention; such errors to be notified on the Journal of the Convention, to which they may at any time be presented by the joint committee.

APPENDIX A.

St. James' Parish, 25th April, 1823.

v. and dear sir, and brother,

Your favour of the 14th inst., announcing the very looked for circumstance of my election as their bishop, by e Convention of North-Carolina, was received last night, by e hands of the Rev. Mr. GREEN. I trust, that the finger of d is too plainly marked in this work, to permit any hesitation my part, in giving myself to this call of the Church. Person-'a stranger to the great majority of the Convention, and but a transient acquaintance with any of that body; while e diocese at large I am actually unknown, I must surrenall faith in the superintending care of the great Head of the ch over his members, if I could doubt the destination to he appoints me; and I humbly thank him for the relief riven me against the sense of my own insufficiency for so y responsible a station, from the doubts and fears which frequently cloud the calls to spiritual duty, and for the nation given to the whole by your unanimity.

as I am, therefore, I surrender myself to the service of tese; beseeching Him who took David from the sheep-1 Apostles from the fishing net, to furnish, guide and of me to the advancement of his glory, the good of his the safety, honour and welfare of his people.

go on to Philadelphia to the General Convention, with sonials furnished me, and should that body judge me the office, I shall take upon me the sacred office to n thus called; and shortly after my return home, will part of the diocese as shall be within my reach, and irposes as may be wanted.

It is proper, however, for me to state, that the necessary preparations for a removal into the diocese to reside, will occupy the summer and autumn. In common with many others, I am encumbered with landed property and some slaves, which must be disposed of; as I wish, as far as possible, to be free from such cares and encumbrances. This, however, will not prevent such services as may be indispensable, seeing I reside within ten miles of the Carolina line.

Pecuniary emolument enters not into my calculation, beyond that decent support which the scripture warrants the workman to require and receive. This, I understand, will be furnished through the Raleigh congregation, in addition to what is given by the Convention—and therewith I am content. As I have received no communication from them, I leave it to you to inform them of my willingness to take charge.

Requesting the favour of you to present me most respectfully to the standing committee, informing them of my purpose; and begging an interest in your prayers, and in those of your congregation, I am your friend and brother, in the fellowship of the gospel.

JNO. S. RAVENSCROFT.

Rev. Adam Emple,
President of Standing Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Certificate of Bishop Ravenscroft's Consecration.

KNOW all men by these presents, that we William White, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop; Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese; James Kemp, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland; John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey; Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina; Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, did then and there, rightly and canonically consecrate

our beloved in Christ, JOHN STARK RAVENSCROFT, Rector of St. James's Parish, Mecklenberg county, in the State of Virginia, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North-Carolina, to which he hath been duly elected by the Convention of said State.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

WILLIAM WHITE,	(L. S.)
ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD,	(L. S.)
JAMES KEMP,	(L. S.)
JOHN CROES,	(L. S.)
NATHANIEL BOWEN,	(L. S.)
THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL	(L. S.)

APPENDIX C.

The Convention of the P. E. Church in North-Carolina, in account with the Rev. R. S. Mason, Treasurer.

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CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH,



In the Diocess of North-Carolina.

St. James' Church, Wilmington. St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Christ's Church, Newbern. St. Paul's Church, Edenton. St. Jude's Church, Orange co. St. John's Church, Williamsborough. St. Mary's Church, Orange co. Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. Christ's Church, Rowan co. Grace Chapel, Pitt co. St. Mark's Church, Halifax. Calvary Church, Wadesborough, Christ's Church, Raleigh. St. Michæl's Church, Iredell co. St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Davidson co. White Haven Church, Lincoln co. Smyrna Church, Lincoln co. St. Andrew's Church, Burke co. St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, Granville co. St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co. St. Thomas' Church, Bath, Beaufort co. St Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir co.

- Zion Church, Beaufort co.
 Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.
- * St. Peter's Church, Washington, Beaufort co. * St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Rowan co.
- * Union Church, Waynesborough, Wayne co.
- * St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, Caswell co.†

* New congregations.

^{*} Trinity Church, Tarbocough, no longer exists as a regular congregation

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LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. John S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. ex officio President of the Convention.

Rev. Jno. Avery, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. C. C. Brainerd, Deacon.
Rev. Adam Empie, St. James's Church, Wilmington.
Rev. Wm. M. Green, St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern.
Rev. H. M. Mason, St. John's Church, Fuyetteville.
Rev. Joseph Pierson, St. Peter's Church, Washington.
Rev. Thos. Wright, Culvary Church, Wadesborough.

LAITY.

Gavin Hogg, Christ's Church, Raleigh.

Thos. Uallender,
Dr. F. J. Ett.,
St. James's Church, Wilmington. Richard Quince, Moses Jarvis, Christ's Church, Newbern.

P. B. Wiley,
M. R. Wilkings,

St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Jereman Lippitt, St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Abner P. Neale, St. Peter's Church, Washington. John Jackson,
James B. Marsh, St. Thomas's Church, Bath.
Jarvis B. Buxton,
Timothy Cutler,
Joseph Wall,
Reading Grist,
Alexander Norris,
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.

Mexander Norris,
Thomas County.

St. L. Ferrand,
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

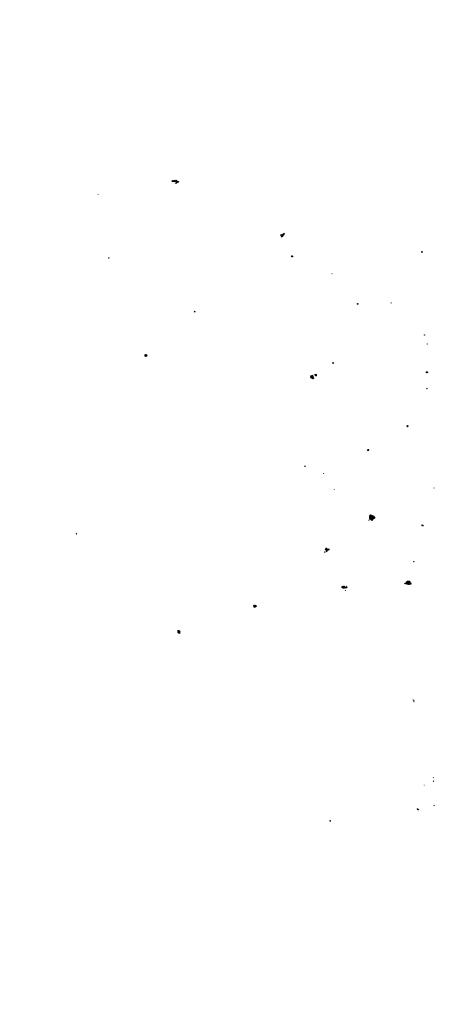
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Thomas Carney, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
Fredgrick Johnson,
John H. Burney.

Grace Chapel, Pitt County. John H. Burney,

The Rev. R. J. MILLER, a Member of the Convention, was not prezent at this session. . . .



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WASHINGTON, THURBDAY, APRIL 21st, 1825, 10 o'clock A. M.

eing the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the thereof assembled in the Church, for the purpose of organiztt. Rev. Jno. S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D., acting as President, lev. R. S. Mason as Secretary pro tempore.
t of the Clergy being called over, the following were found to t HN AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. VM. M. GREEN, Rector of St. John's Church, Williamsboro'. S. Mason, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern.

L. M. Mason, Deacon, St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

DEEPH PIERSON, Deacon, St. Péter's Church, Washington.

RÖS. WRIGHT, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough. rtificates of lay delegation were then presented, and the fol-B. Wiley, Christ's Church, Newbern. P. Neale, St. Peter's Church, Washington. Wall, g Grist, Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county. A R. Wilkings, St. John's Church, Fayettevale. A Lippitt,

St. John & Charles, and the myeation then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, and the The Convention being thus organized, Mason was chosen. The Convention being thus organized, to attend Divine Service. Representation of the Rev. WM. M. GREEN, and a shirtered by the Rev. Thos. WRIGHT, from the Song of Solot, v. 16. The Convention then assembled for business.

V. ADAM EMPIE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington, ared and took his seat. Certificates of lay delegation from hurch, Raleigh, and from St. James's Church, Wilmington, and GAVIN Hogg from the former, and Thos. Calles-Prayer was performed by the Rev. WM. M. GREEN, and a ented, and GAVIN HOGG from the former, and Thos. CALLEN-F. J. HILL, and RICHARD QUINCE, from the latter, were re-members of the Convention. then, on motion, Resolved, That such candidates for orders in ch, as may be present during the sittings of this Convention, of members of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats. nittee on the state of the Church, consisting of the Rev. Hogo, and Neale, of the laity, were appointed by the PresiThe Convention met according to adjournment. Certificates of lay delegation from Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, Grace Chapel, Pitt county, and St. Thomas's Church, Bath, were presented, and the fallowing admitted to seats: Alexander Norres, from Emmanuel Church; Fred's Johnson and John H. Burner, from Grace Chapel; and Jas. B. Makah, from St. Thomas's Church.

The Episcopal Journal was then read by the President, and is here

presented.

EPISCOPAL JOURNAL.

On meeting once more the representation of the Church in this Diccess, I am deeply impressed with a sense of the Divine goodness which has conducted us safely through the various events of another Conventional year; and, without the intervention of any general or particular calamity, has given me to see your faces again with joy, and to confratulate you on the various proofs of God's favour, with which the year has been filled.

That you have individually experienced the Divine blessing on year respective labours, my Reverend Brethren, I hope and trust; and that you, my brethren of the laity, have increased cause of thankfulness to God, both for temporal and spiritual blessings, and come forward to manifest your gratitude to the giver of every good and perfect gift, by uniting your exertions with ours, in such endeavors for the advancement of his glory, the good of his Church, the safety, honor, and welfare this people, as may, on mutual counsel, be approved of. It is a help purpose, my brethren; and, when entertained and acted upon in sincerity and truth, must be blessed. That you may be able to judge of the measures necessary to be pursued for the general advantage, I shall now lay before you the amount of my labors during the past year, with such observations on the state of the different congregations, as have presented themselves to my notice.

My first visit, after the adjournment of the last Convention, was to the newly organized Church in Waynesborough, where I officiated on the 10th and 11th of July, in the Academy and Court-house. The emgregation was respectable on Sunday; and, though the Church has some steady friends in the vicinity, their numbers are not such as to enable them to provide regular services. It is, however, reported to me, so as to be worthy of credit, that a very marked improvement in the moral condition of the village has been effected, since January, 1824.

In the month of July, application was made to me by the Rey. Mr. Wright, of Wadesborough, for letters dimissory to the Bishop of South Carolina, in favor of Mr. Geo. W. Hathaway, a candidate for orders in this Diocess, which was complied with in the month of October following. So that the said Mr. Geo. W. Hathaway is no longer to be considered as a candidate in this Diocess.

I next visited Warrenton, where, on Tuesday the 1st August, I consciented to the service of Almighty God, for the use of the Protestate Episcopal Church, a very neat and commodious, though small, wooden building, by the name of Emmanuel Church. In this service I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Green, the Pastor of the Church, and by the Rev. Mr. Steele, from the Diocess of Virginia.

the 28th of August I visited Milton, in which the Church had nearly organized, where I spent two days, and performed the usual the d two children, confirmed two persons, and administered the states to six only, out of a large congregation. The prospects of hunch in this place are not very flattering. They are unable to aim a Pastor; and, being remote from any resident Classyman, rarely enjoy the benefit of our services. What advantages of this ey do enjoy, are supplied by the active exertines of the Rev.

my return from Milton I visited the Church in Oxford, (1st Sepz, in company with Mr. Green, where, after morning service, I had to a moderate sized congregation. The Church here may be spet as extinct, the only male member having acted in thick a r as to come under censure.

ment journey was directed to St. Mary's, in Orange, and St. 1, in Grantille.

Bt. Mary's Chapel I read prayers and preached on the 11th Sepur.

according to previous appointment; but, owing to the continued

to only 4 persons. In the evening I preached in the Methodist of worship in Hillsborough, to a very attentive congregation.

Aday the 18th September, after baptising an infant in Hillsborough, reeded to 8th Mary's Chapel, where a good congregation attended, person I performed divine service, preached, and administered the

aly route to Granville, I again preached in Oxford, on the 15th where and, though considerable excitement was manifested by of the Methodist persuasion, I consider the prospects in favor of barch yeary unpromising, though not hopeless. the 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 19th I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsbothe 18th and 18th an

assisted by the Rev. Mr. Green, the Paster. On Sunday the I preached twice, confirmed one person, and administered the communion to about thirty persons, but not all members of the ch. On the 22d I returned to my charge in Raleigh. the 4th of October I once more left home on a visit to the Churches the 4th of October I once more left home on a visit to the Churches western section of the Diocess; and, passing through Hillsbo-, (where I had an interview with Mr. Hooper, at the close of which itered me to a letter decisive of his conduct, which he premised I I receive on my arrival in Wadesborough, Anson county) I reached de's in time for my appointment at that place on the 5th and 6th; the which days I officiated to good and attentive configgations; and tilly wish that some means could be devised to provide occasional es, at least, for this small body of Episcopalians, who stand firms hexposed to much temptation to abandon the cause.

next congregation on my route was Lexington, where I also offi-two days, the 9th and 10th, but without the most distant prospect the Church, though organized and received into union by invention, being merely nominal.

m Lexington I proceeded through Salisbury, for Christ's Church, a county, where I officiated on the 13th and 14th, and, though eather was very bad, yet to good congregations. Here I was met Rev. Mr. Miller, who assisted me on the second day, when I istered the communion to thirty-eight persons. My next appointment being at Salisbury, I returned thither from Christ's Church, and, after service by the Rev. Mr. Miller, I preached on the 16th; and on the 17th, being Sunday, I performed divine service, confirmed eight persons, preached, and administered the communion to sixteen communicants, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Miller. In the afternoon divine service was again performed; after which I preached a second time. The congregations respectable, both forenoon and afternoon.

On the 18th October I left Salisbury for Burke county, in company with Mr. Miller, and on the 19th, at the house of Mr. Mills, in Iredell, after the service by Mr. Miller, I confirmed five persons, preached, and administered the communion. Mr. Mills's family form the Episcopal part of the former joint Episcopal and Lutheran congregation of St. Michael's, which I visited last year, and from which I then advised Mc Mills and his family to withdraw.

We reached Mr. Miller's hospitable mansion on the 21st; and, after one day's rest, attended my pext appointment, at St. Andrew's, on the

We reached Mr. Miller's hospitable mansion on the 21st; and, after one day's rest, attended my next appointment, at St. Andrew's, on the 23d, where Mr. Miller performed the service, during which I baptised an infant, and preached.

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Sunday the 24th, after the morning service, by Mr. Miller, I confirmed eighteen persons, preached to a numerous congregation, and

administered the communion.

My next appointments being in Lincoln county on the 26th, access panied by Mr. Miller, I took leave of St. Andrew's, crossed the Catawas at the Horse Road, and reached the neighborhood of the first appoint

panied by Mr. Miller, I tabk leave of St. Andrew's, crossed the Catawia at the Horse Ford, and reached the neighborhood of my first appointment on the 25th.

On the 26th preached at St. Peter's to a small congregation; the ter-

On the 26th preached at St. Peter's to a small congregation; the tervice by Mr. Miller.

On the 27th, at the same place, performed divine service, preached,

and confirmed seven persons.

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On the 28th, met my appointment at Smyrna, where I officiated two days, but without any appearance of interest on the part of the few who attended.

On the S0th and S1st, I officiated at Whitehaven, assisted by Mr. Miller. On the S1st I confirmed nine persons, and administered the holy communion to a small number of serious people. The day came on to be most inclement, to the great discomfort of a very numerous congregation, who were not prepared for it by the promise of the morning.

on the 1st November I parted with the Rev. Mr. Miller, who returned to his family; and, as my next appointment was at Wadesborough Anson county, on the 13th, I found time to make another appointment at Whitehaven for the 4th, to which I was induced by the information that acveral more were desirous to be confirmed, who were disappointed on the former occasion. I accordingly performed divine service on the day, preached on the subject of confirmation, and administered the rite to seven more persons.

On the 5th November I left Lincoln for Wadesborough, and, on the Sunday following, preached in Charlette, in the Church there, by request. On the 11th I reached Wadesborough. Preached twice on the 13th, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and confirmed these parameters on Sunday the 14th the usual services were performed in the foreness, and the communion administered to a small, but pious and zealous body

communicants. In the evening I preached again, and catechised the

Adren, to the credit of all concerned.

Having here received the promised letter from Mr. Hooper, its contents compelled me to reach Fayetteville with all speed. On the 15th, therefore, I set out, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wright and Dr. Parke, and reached my destination on the next day. Previous to leave Wadesborough, I had convened the standing committee to meet me there on the 17th; it was not until the 19th, however, that a board he force whom the necessary documents were laid, and could be formed, before whom the necessary documents were laid, and by whose advice I had to resort to the painful exercise of discipline, in displacing Mr. Hooper from the Ministry, according to the latest the state of the latest displacing Mr. Hooper from the Ministry, according to the directions of the 7th canon of 1820, and now present to this Convention the neand propriety of the measures pursued. It would, however, be unjust to Mr. Hooper not to mention, that the plan contemplated in his letter of the 29th October, was abandoned before I reached Fayetteville, and no attempt was made to divide or draw away the congregation. And I am happy to inform the Convention that they have stood firm, under a

cheek to private and public feeling very difficult to resist.

During my stay in Fayetteville, with my reverend brothers Empie and Wright, the services of the Church were resumed, and well attended; on Sunday thrice, and on Monday evening once. I also baptised

two children.

On the 24th I reached Raleigh, after a laborious tour of seven weeks. Having regard to the destitute condition of the Church in Fayetteville, my next visit was to that place, where I preached on the evening of Saturday the 18th of December, the service being performed by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of South Carolina; and, on Sunday the 19th, with the usual services, administered the holy communion to about fifty communicants. In the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the services of the day I was aided by the Rev.

chell, who preached in the afternoon.

From this period, my brethren, I have been able to perform little more of my duty than to keep up the necessary correspondence which my public station occasions. Fatigue, exposure, and anxiety of mind, not yet recovered entirely; but, through the goodness of God, in the help he has sent to the wants of the Diocess, my own congregation was semerally supplied, and I was enabled to send occasional help to Fayteteville. I have, however, been prevented from paying my annual visit
to the eastern Churches, which I extremely regret. To the parochial
reports, therefore, you will have to look, for what concerns the interests
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The That Church in Figure 1 left Raleigh, with a view to take such congregation as lay in my route to Washington. And on Tuesday evening the left greached in Waynesborough, to a small congregation of attentive the court house however, though organized, is as left in a very weak state, their opportunities for either worship or instruction being accidental.

The the 13th, in the evening, I officiated in Kinston, to as numerous the court house could conveniently contain. The inte-

The inteists of the Church are cherished here by several very respectable indi-Estals and families, and their efforts to erect a building and procure a stor occupy much of their attention.

From this place I repaired to Newbern, where, on Saturday the 16th, I officiated, and confirmed nine persons. On Sunday the 17th, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mason, divine service was performed, a sermon preached, and the holy communion administered to fifty-eight communicants, in the forenously with the usual services in the afternoon. The services are well attended in this place, and an increasing interest felt for the Church. On Tuesday evening, also, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mason, after which I preached a sermon to an attentive and engaged congregation. attentive and engaged congregation.

On my way from Raleigh to Newbern I preached in Smithfield, John-

sion county.

I have now to call your attention, my brethren, to the general condition of the Church, as growing out of that of the particular Churches;

and to the general results of the past year.

Dividing the Diocess into three sections, running from north to south, it is evident that the present strength of the Church is in the eastern section. The principles of the Church are there better understood, more heartly received, and more unhesitatingly acted understood, far as human judgment is permitted to act, there is a greater degree of the church are there is a greater degree of the church are there is a greater degree of the church are the consistency. liveliness, a deeper interest manifested for the purity and consistency of faith and practice. This opinion, however, is predicated on former observation, and the accounts I occasionally have received of their pregress since; my personal notice of their present state being prevented, us I have mentioned.

In the middle section, the state of things is materially different. members of the Church are not generally as fixed and decided in their principles as Churchmen; and, consequently, less interest is felt and manifested for the particular doctrines which distinguish their profession. This, however, is not to be wondered at. They have had less This, however, is not to be wondered at. opportunity to be reminded of their distinctive doctrines, fewer occasions to call them into action, and a more extended prepossession of the public mind to conflict with, there being for a long period but two clergymen in the whole section, and one of these decidedly hostile to the principles of the Church; while, of the different dissenting denominations, that most respectable in point of learning and ability has here its main strength concentrated.

I am happy, however, to be able to state, that the principles of the Church and of pure religion are gaining ground among the members, of whom there are not a few, whose zeal is coupled with knowledge, and whose faith is manifested by their works; and, in general, more consideration is given to the subject, and a stop, in a great measure, put to the deleterious notion, heretofore so prevalent, that it is a matter of entire indifference, what profession of religion a man adopts.

In the western section of the Diocess, the prospect is very discouraging, though not without hope. With the exception of the congregation in Waderborough, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wright, which is second to none in any Diocess, for soundness in the faith and exemplary holiness, and the congregation of Christ's Church, Rowan, which is numerous and regular, and, in the main, sound, as Episcopalians, though not without exceptions, and a few recently organized in Salisbury, there is nothing at present to be depended on. In the immediate neighborhood of the Rev. Mr. Miller they have commenced retracing their steps, and will in time, I trust, recover from the paralysing effect of the attempt to amalgamate with the Lutheran body, and the unjustifiable

conduct of some of the Missionaries heretofore employed, in abandon-ing the Liturgy altogether in their public services. In Lincoln, where it seems this course was most extensively pursued, the effects are most visible, and likely to be most injurious; yet, had we the means of giving and continuing to them the services of a faithful clergyman, my hope is good for the revival of the Church even there. Some very influential men are engaged in the cause, and there is sufficient ability, could it be roused into action, to give it success. What could be done, publicly and in private, to stir them up to the exertion necessary, was attempted by myself, during my short stay among them; and, after leaving them, I printed and circulated an address, a copy of which is herewith presented.

In the general result of the past year, however, there is great cause of thankfulness and congratulation. The Church in Hillsborough has been organized under the most flattering prospects, and the Rev. Mr. Green called to take charge there, at St. Mary's, and at Judge Cameron's, who, with a laudable zeal for the spiritual interests of his own large family, and of the neighborhood, has erected, at his own expense,

a handsome and commodious building, which will be ready for consecration this summer, together with the new Church in Hillsborough.

The congregations in Washington and its neighborhood, are supplied with a regular pastor, in the Rev. Mr. Joseph Pierson. The Church in Fayetteville has secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Henry M. Mason. And Mr. Brainerd, a candidate for orders, from the Eastern Discount of the Commodity of the

son. And Mr. Brainerd, a candidate for orders, from the Eastern Diocess, and received on letters dimissory from Bishop Griswold, has agreed. after his ordination, to supply the vacancy in Williamsborough and Warrenton, occasioned by Mr. Green's removal to Hillsborough. Such, my brethren of this Convention, is the exposition of the state of the Church, which it is my duty to make for your direction, in those consultations for its advantage and extension which you are met to interchange. They are, upon the whole, encouraging, and call for our zealous and hearty co-operation, in what may be expedient, on common advice, to carry on the great interests committed to us. And, while I regret that I have not been able to do more personally, in the limited time allowed me, I feel an unabated desire to apply every faculty of mind and body to the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom. But duty multiplies while strength decreases. Permit me, then, to suggest the adoption of a rule on the part of the Clergy, to furnish me quarterly the adoption of a rule on the part of the Clergy, to furnish me quarterly with a state of the condition of their respective charges, digested under proper heads, by which I shall be directed to point my services, in pre-ference, where they shall appear to be most immediately needed, with-out interfering at all with my general duty, except in the arrangement of my visits. Recommending, then, to your most affectionate care, the interests of the Diocess, and supplicating the divine blessing on the labour you have to engage in, I commit you to the great Head of the Church, for direction and success.

In the course of my Episcopal visitations the past year, I have

Preached Baptised

46 times. 6 persons.

Confirmed

69 persons.

The Parochial Reports were next called for, and the following were presented:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, Rector.

Communic	ants,	-	-	-	22
Baptism,	-	-	-	-	1 i nfa nt.
Baptism, Burial,		-	-	-	. 1

The condition of the congregation in general remains nearly stationary, though it is believed that no ground is lost, notwithstanding much influence is exerted in opposition. To expect much improvement is not very reasonable, seeing my services are so frequently interrupted by the duties I owe to the Diocess. Four communicants have removed, and one has been added. The regular attendants on our services exhibit an increasing interest in them.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Adam Empie, Rector.

Baptisms, Marriages,	-	24 7	
Burials, - Communicants	-	8 146, of which 20 are persons of color	

In the course of the year seven new communicants have been added, but this increase has been counterbalanced by removals and deaths.

The parish in other respects is the same as when last reported, except that the Sunday School is more than ordinarily large and flourishing.

Collected for the Missionary Society -		834 75
Dr. De Rossett's subscription	-	2 00
Received from Female Working Association	-	20 00
Rec'd from Missionary and Common Prayer book	society	7 50

Amount of Missionary collections - - 864 25

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. R. S. Mason, Rector.

Baptisms, a	dults 3.	children	12	-		15	
Confirmed.		-	•	-	-	9	
Communicar	nts.	-	-	-	-	70	
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Murials.		•		-	-	11	
Marriages		-	-	•	-	5	
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and lectures on the Scriptures, for the benefit of the coloured

people; he also delivers lectures of the Apostles, for the benefit o	every Thursday	evening on	the Acts
present, are but few in number.	an who chuse	to attend.	These, at

Collected for the Missionary Society, - - 870 00 Collected for other purposes, - - 50 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms	in Edenton. in Elizabetl	adult 1 City,	l, childre children	en 3, 3,	•	4 3
Marriage,	Total,	:	- •	-	-	7
Burials,	cants, in Ed	- lenton i zab eth	City	•	30 4	. 7

Since the last Convention, no very material alteration has taken blace in the spiritual state of the congregation. I hope, however, the interests of religion are gradually advancing. Since last October I have visited and preached at Elizabeth City on three Sundays, and at several other times on week days. There are, in that place, a few families professing attachment to the Church, who appear to be pleased with her services, and desirous of building a house for public worship. I have administered the holy communion once to a small number, and have reason to expect an additional number at the next opportunity.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. H. M. Mason, Deacon.

The Minister of this Church respectfully reports, that, having entered on his official duties in Fayetteville no earlier than the 21st of March, he has performed no act particularly worthy of record, but the baptism of an infant.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector.

Beptisms	in Wadesboro	igh, .	-	-	-	S
	in Salisbury,	•	-	-	-	5
'	in Salisbury, at Christ's Ch	urch,	-	-	-	2
						_
	Total,	-	-	-	-	10
Burial,	•	-	-	-	-	1
Marriage		-	-	-	•	1
Confirme	d in November	last.	-	-	-	S
Communi	cants, Wadesb	orough		-	18	
-	Salisbur	▼	_	-	6	
	Christ's	Church		-	58 —	
• •	Total.	•	-	-	-	82

Collected for the Bishop's fund, for the Missionary Society

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During the last year six communicants have been added to our number, and four have removed. Besides my regular ministrations at Wadesborough, I have visited St. Luke's and Christ's Church, Rowan three each and administered the communion in both. congregations have many difficulties to contend with; yet, through the blessing of God, a happy issue is anticipated, and it is believed that, when the regular and continued services of a minister can be obtained, many will be added to the Church, "of such as shall be saved."

The members of Calvary Church having taken up the cross, are, we trust, following Jesus. sincerely desiring and endeavoring to be more nearly assimilated to their divine Master, in holiness of life.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms, Milton -		-	10		
Williamsborough	-	•	2		
St. Mary's	-	•	1		
Hillsborough	-		2	٠.	
Warrenton	-		ī		
Northampton			2 —		
Total, -	-	_	•	18	
Communicants, Milton	_	. .	8		
St. Mary's	-	_	34	•	
Williamsboro	moth	-	15		
Warrenton	~ B	•	11 -		••
Total, -	_	_	-	63	
Confirmed, Williamsborough	_	_	15	•	
Milton -	_	_		_	
Total, -	-	-	~ —	17	
Davide Williamsharash	•	•	•	17	
Burials, Williamsborough	•	-	2		
Warrenton -	-	•	2		٠
St. Mary's -	-	-	2 —		
Total, -	-	-	-	6	
Marriages,	-	-	-	6	
eituation of the congregation	ne 117	der me	charma h		:

The situation of the congregations under my charge has remained nearly the same since the last Convention.

In Milton there is still room to hope that a regular congregation of alous worshippers may yet be raised up. They need nothing but the zealous worshippers may yet be raised up. more frequent ministrations of the Church to confirm their attachment, and to increase their numbers. During the last year I have administered to them on five or six Sundays, and have baptised ten children.

The communion has been administered in that place but once, and then by our Diocesan, as may be seen on reference to his journal. At that time there were three communicants only. At the same time confirmation was administered to two persons.

In Williamsborough there has been no alteration since the last report, in the state of the congregation, except it be an increasing interest among the members and friends of the Church, to promote its welfare, and a more decided stand in behalf of its principles and worship.

At Warrenton the congregation is still remarkable for that zeal for the Church, and for that Christian walk which have ever distinguished it. Two communicants have died, and two have been added.

At Hillsborough a congregation has been formed, and a neat and

commodious house of worship commenced, which will be completed

during the ensuing summer.

At St. Mary's an earnest attention to the services of the Church still continues. There have been two or three deaths in this congregation, but several have been added. The number of communicants, as just stated, is considerably greater than was reported at the last Convention; but this is principally attributable to a mistake in the former report.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Joseph Pierson, Deacon.

Communicants, St. Peter's	-	•	14
St. Thomas's		-	12
Zion Chapel	-	•	10
Trinity Chapel	l	-	9 ———
Total, -	-	•	- 45
Baptisms, St. Peter's	-		13 *
St. Thomas's	-	-	17
Zion Chapel	-	-	11
Trinity Chapel	•	-	3
Total, -	- .	-	- 44
Burial, St. Peter's -		-	- 1

After the reading of the Parochial Reports, it was, on motion, Resolved, That a Committee of Finance be appointed; that they report means for providing for the increase and security of the Episcopal fund; that they ascertain the sums each congregation of the Diocess can contribute to the contingent fund, so as to supply the deficiencies of the past year, and provide for the contingencies of the ensuing year; or, if they think proper, that they report any other mode to raise a contingent fund.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT and GREEN, of the clergy, and Messrs. GAVIN HOGG, F. J. HILL, and JER. LIPPITT,

of the laity, to be this committee.

The account of the Treasurer of the Bishop's fund and of the contingent fund was next presented, and referred to the committee of finance.

Resolved, That a standing committee, to consist of five persons, two

elerical and three lay members, be now balloted for.

The ballot being taken and the votes counted, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Empie and R. S. Mason, of the clergy, and Messrs. Tho-MAS CALLENDER, F. J. HILL, and Moses JARVIS, of the laity, were elected.

The convention then adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock on the following morning.

At night divine service was performed by the Rev. H. M. MASON, and a sermon preached by the Rev. John Avery, from Gal. vi. 15, and three adults received the sacrament of baptism.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

After the reading of the minutes of the preceding day, certificates of lay delegation from St. Paul's Church, Edenton, and from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, were presented; and Josian Collins from the former, and Dr. Stephen L. Ferrand from the latter, were admitted to seats in the house. At the same time John Jackson, a delegate from St. Peter's Church, Washington, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, Resolved, That the delegates to the next General Con-

vention be now chosen.

The ballot being taken, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Expir., AVERY, R. S. MASON, and GREEN, of the clergy, and Messrs. GEO. E. BADGER, DUNCAN CAMERON, JOSIAH COLLINS, and Moses JARVIS, of the laity, were elected.

The Rev. WM. M. GREEN, as agent for the Episcopal fund, present-

ed his report, which was referred to the committee of finance.

It was then moved, and carried, that Josian Collins, the member

from Edenton, be added to that committee.

The Convention, in order to allow the several committees time for the transaction of their business, adjourned till 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Morning prayer was performed by the Rev. Adam Empie, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. M. Mason, from St. Luke, xvi, 8. Baptism was at the same time administered to two children. At night, prayers by the Rev. John Avery, and a sermon by the Rev. R. S. Mason, from Hebrews v, 4.; and one adult received the sacrament of baptism.

SATURDAY, 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After the minutes of the preceding day were read, Moses Janus, & member from Christ's Church, Newbern, appeared and took his seat.
The Rev. Adam Emple, as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the past year, then presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that they have had no business before them during the last year, except in the case of Mr. Hooper, when they were summoned by the Bishop to act as a council of advice, according to the 24th Canon of the General Convention. advice in that matter, however, it is not necessary to repeat, as it has, already, been laid before the Convention in the journal of our Diocesan.

The Standing Committee, as trustees for the application of the Episcopal fund, do also report, that the amount subscribed for that fund is about the same as when last reported; that it has been necessary to keep some in hand unappropriated, to meet the current demands upon the treasury; and that, in consequence, it has hitherto been judged inexpedient to invest any of it in productive stock.

A. EMPIE, Pres't of Standing Committee.

After the adoption of the above report, the Rev. John Avery, as Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report, which was likewise adopted:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report, that the Church are gradually advancing. Her distinctive principles are becoming more extensively known, better understood, and more generally received. By a comparison of the Parochial Reports of this year with those of the last, it appears that an increase of fifty-five has been made to the number of our communicants. The number of baptisms reported is 192, but, as no information has been received from some of the made to the regions. The number of the partial number. Two reported is 182, but, as no information has been received from some of the western parishes, this must be less than the real number. Two new candidates for the ministry have been added, making the whole number at present to be five. From the view which we have taken of the subject before us, and from the increased number and the unanimity of the Clergy, we cannot but anticipate the future prosperity of the Church. For further particulars, and for much interesting matter, we sefer to the Bishop's excellent Journal, which will appear with the proceedings of this Convention.

JOHN AVERY, Chairman.

The Rev. Wm. M. Green then presented the certificate of organization of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and the said certificate being deemed sufficient, St. Matthew's Church was admitted into union with this Convention. Those Canway then presented a certification of the said Church to this Convention, and was cate of his delegation from the said Church to this Convention, and was

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Emriz, it was Resolved, That the course of studies prescribed by the House of Bishops in the General Convention of 1804, be printed with the Journals of this Convention.

After which the following resolution, being the amendment of another resolution, presented to the house, was adopted: Resolved, That the second article of the Constitution be altered to read thus: There shall be an annual Convention of this Church, at such time and place as

shall be appointed by each preceding Convention.

Certificates of lay delegation from Zion Chapel were presented, and Janus B. Buxton and Timothy Cutler, as delegates from the said congregation, were admitted as members of the House.

Resolved. That the next Convention be held on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, being the 18th day of May, 1826.

The Committee of Finance then presented their report, which was read and adopted, as follows, and the resolutions appended thereto passed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the resolution douching the fund for the Episcopate, respectfully report:

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That they have given to the subject that consideration that its impor-

tance requires.

To raise and secure a permanent fund for the present and future support of the Episcopate, has been a subject of early and anxious attention with the members of the Church throughout the Diocess. For the purpose of creating such fund, the sum of \$8,500 (in round numbers) was voluntarily subscribed by individuals. A very small part of this sum was paid at the time of subscription; but it was chiefly to be resid in first sound annual instalments, beginning the first of Lune 1882. paid in five equal annual instalments, beginning the first of June, 1823, and ending on the 1st of June, 1827, both inclusive. It was designed by the afterribers that a sum should be raised, sufficient to pay the annual expenses, and to raise a surplus to be vested in stock or securi ties yadding interest; and that the capital of said stock, when raised, should be inviolate, and the interest only applied to the support of the Episcopate. The sum subscribed, if it had been available on the 1st of Epiacopate. The sum subscribed, if it had been available on the 1st of June, 1823, at an interest of 8 per cent., (the highest that can be expected in this State,) would not be sufficient to raise the sum required or the annual support of the Episcopate, and to produce a permanent

The subscription, after a reasonable allowance for wilection, and for stone that cannot be collected, and for

deferred payments, was, on the 1st of June, 1833, worth semething short of 57,000.

This sum was not sufficient for the ends proposed; and, as the annual uses were, of necessity, to be met, they have been paid out of the principal same, as they were collected; and it is believed that not one cent has ever been funded in a productive capital. It is apparent that, if this fand he allowed to continue in this state, the whole amount subscribed will in a few years be expended, and one of its objects defeated. To prevent this was one object of the deliberations of the last Convention. A committee was raised on the subject, and their report and resolutions have been printed with the Journal, to which your committee beg leave to refer. The resolutions have not been acted on generally; yet some of the Churches, with an alacrity deserving of the highest commendation, have forwarded the sums required of them. It is confi Multy believed that all the congregations would have furnished their respective quotas, if any agent had appeared to receive them.

Your committee have proceeded to ascertain what sums belong to the

fund now. By a statement hereto annexed, marked A, it appears that the fund, consisting of money on hand and of subscriptions heretofore due and unpaid, and which will fall due on or before June 1st, 1827, after deducting interest at 7 per cent. on the deferred instalments, will be, on the 1st of June next, worth \$6,203. This sum, if vested in a stock of 7 per cent. (and your committee believe a stock may be purchased at par value which will yield 8 per cent.) will, in little more than eight years, produce the sum of \$10,715, the capital required. To allow of this accumulation of capital, your committee propose that it should be recommended to the congregations, throughout the Biocess, to furnish the sum necessary for the support of the Episcopate for eight years and a half; and your committee have apportioned the sum to be taised among the several congregations according to their several abilities, at will appear by a statement hereto appeared and marked B.

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^{*} See Appendix, No. I, A.

committee are deeply affected with the necessity of providing sate and permanent fund for the Episcopate, and the one pro-pears to them practicable and convenient. It is of vital imto the interests of the Church in this Diocess, that the Episould be continued. For the purpose of raising a fund for the and future support of the Episcopate, the subscribers have raised capital. Good faith to the subscribers, and prudence, alike of those for whose benefit the fund was intended, and of those samagement it is committed, that one object of the subscripted not exclude and defeat the other; and they imperiously retitution, if any misapplication of the fand has been made to sobjects, in prejudice of the other. But, apart from any claim and faith of those who have signed the subscription, your comment but believe, when the existence of the Episcopate is at it most certainly is, when no question of expediency or conveniently of the transmitted but when we are to define the subscription. involved, but when we are to decide whether we shall have Church within North Carolina, or a few scattered congrega-endent on another Diocess, that every dutiful son of the Church and willing to supply her wants, not only out of his abund-t out of his necessities, if need be: That few, if any, can be thin her pale, who, when the Chusch of himself and his fathers liant for existence, would count the cost. Your committee an appeal to the congregations, for aid on the subject of this mas but be effectual, when it is considered that the pecuniary the Church are, every where, in the hands of the laity, and said with the least possible expense. Nor would the committee half of their duty, unless they reminded their lay brethren research clergy throughout the State are engaged in their high a salation harely sufficient for a decent support; and they take to said; that though this report is made by a committee of milality, it is, in fact, the act of the latter. Your committee the that the manner in which each vestry or congression shall that the manner in which each vestry or congregation shall the expected from them, can, in the opinion of the committate expected from them, can, in the opinion of the committate expected be left to the discretion of the vestry or consider this part of the subject your committee beg leave to a contribution of \$1.50 yearly from each communicant for toraise the sum proposed. Your committee therefore

thing resolutions:

Think the money in hand and the proceeds of the subscription the the Episcopate now due, shall be paid to the Treation the treation without delay, in

Genvention, and shall be by him vested, without delay, in chick of the several Banks in this State.

That it be recommended to the several congregations torraise, by annual contribution, the sum of \$780, for For the Episcopate, according to a statement B, annexed to ts and that this contribution alone be relied on to defray the ex-Episcopate hereafter accraing for the eight years and a half. stingent fund, do also report, That the sum of \$180 will be to supply the deficiency in the contingent fund of last year, set the current expenses of that fund for the present year mate of the expenses, and a scale of contribution, will be found.

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^{*} See Appendix, No. L.B.

From Zion Chapel \$12 50 were received as a contribution to the Bishop's salary.

On Saturday night divine service was performed by the Rev. II. M. Mason, and a sermon delivered by the Bishop, from I. Thess. ii, 5. One adult received baptism, and confirmation was administered to

twenty-nine persons.

On Sunday morning, morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and a sermon on the subject of ordination, by the Bishop, from John xx, 21. After which an ordination was held; the Litany by the Rev. Mr. Em-PIE: when C. C. Brainerd was admitted to the holy order of Deacons. and Joseph Pierson to the hely order of Priests. After which the holy communion was administered.

On Sunday afternoon the service was performed by the Rev. C. C. BRAINERD, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, from I. Chron. xxix. 5, for the purpose of making a collection in aid of the funds of the Missionary Society. The collection amounted to S72.

At night prayers by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, and a sermon by the

Rev. Mr. BRAINERD.

Monday, April 25, 6 o'clock a. M.

The minutes of Saturday were read, after which the following reso-

lutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Green be continued in his agency to collect subscriptions for the support of the Episcopate, and to obtain further subscriptions, and that he be authorized to appoint agents where-

Nesolved, unanimously, That the be authorized to appoint agents whereseever he may judge them to be necessary.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Washington, for their kind and hospitable
entertainment of the members of the Convention; and that the Rev.

Mr. Pierson be requested to give public notice of this resolution.

Resolved, That the several parishes are hereby requested to transmit
to John W. Wright, Esq. of Fayetteville, their annual contributions to
the Bishop's salary, on or before the first day of June, when the semiannual payment of that salary becomes due.

Resolved. That the Secretary be directed to have published 500 conies

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have published 500 copies

of the Journals.

The Right Reverend President then delivered an Episcopal Charge. which is berewith presented.

CHARGE.

The period has arrived, my brethren, when personal observation of the state of this Diocess enables me to fulfil a duty of my station, in an Address, by way of Charge, to the clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina; and I very gladly embrace the opportunity of this annual assemblage of the representatives of the Church in Convention, to present to their consideration those particulars which are of greatest importance, at present, to the progress and success of the cause we have in hand.

From the information given to this Convention in my Episcopal Journal, and the subsequent Parochial Reports, the gradual improvement in the external circumstances of the Church is very evident; and

it is no more than a reasonable expectation, that a continuance of the same course of labor and diligence in the clergy, and attention on the

part of the laity, will be followed by a like favorable result.

There are some causes, however, more remote from general observation, which operate injuriously to the advancement of the Church, but which are in the reach of a remedy, and which it is our joint duty to endeavor to remove. The first I shall mention is want of information in the people at large, and in too great a degree among those of our own communion, on the distinctive character of the Church of Christ, and the obligations which thence follow to man, thus furnished with this means of grace.

That it exists in a very extensive and injurious degree, is a point which needs no proof; it being the daily experience of most of those who hear me. And while it can be accounted for very satisfactorily, in my opinion, it is from the causes producing it that we shall best.

learn what is most proper to counteract it.

We have, then, but to direct our attention to the state of things produced by the downfal of the Church at the period of our revolution, and to what has followed progressively since until within a very few years, to find ample means of accounting for this state of the public mind. The Episcopal Church, never very strong in this State, was reduced by that great event to a state of actual silence. Political feelings were associated with its very name, which operated as a complete bar to any useful or comfortable exercise of duty, by the very few cler-

gymen, perhaps not more than three or four, which were left.

The public instruction of the people in religion, therefore, fell exclusively into other hands, and into hands disposed, both by principle and interest, to complete the ruin of the Church; and, by their particular systems of doctrine, precluded from treating, with any precision, that branch of Christian edification which refers to the unity of the Church of Christ, its distinctive character, and religious purpose, and to the authority of the Christian ministry, as an integral part of that system of faith and order, revealed in the Gospel. On such points of doctrine. those who have separated from the Church are necessarily silent, or, if they are occasionally hinted at, it is in such vague and indefinite terms as tend rather to obscure than to elucidate the subject. It is not to be wondered at, then, my brethren, that these doctrines, as held by the Episcopal Church, should gradually lose their impression on those who entertained them, be lost sight of by the people at large, and at length be forgotten; and that a prescription of forty years should possess an influence difficult to dislodge from the minds of those who have been taught to view every thing relating to the external order of the Church as un-important and non-essential. That this is the more general state of the public mind. I have all the certainty which observation and declared opinion can give; and the very painful knowledge that many who call themselves Episcopalians cherish such every way inconsistent notions. and are farther led into this error by the modern but erroneous views of charity and liberal opinions. While this state of things continues. we shall deceive ourselves egregiously if we expect any real or extensive increase of the Church: our numbers may indeed be added to. but the numerical is not always the real strength, either of the Church or of an army.

On you, then, my brethren of the clergy, will devolve the imperious duty of so framing and directing your public ministrations, as well as

your private instructions among your respective charges, as to embrace these long neglected but vital doctrines, and to explain and enforce them, from the word of God, and the reason of the thing, as parts of that system of revealed truth, which forms but one whole, and cannot be troken up to suit the particular notions of any man or body of men. In coming to this duty, however, my reverend brethren, it is my part to warn you to set your faces, like a flint, appliest the misrepresentations and reproaches of pretended friends, and real enemies, who will he sure to combine against you, and to throw every obstacle in the way. But, for your encouragement, let me remind you, that it is a work of necessity, mercy, and charity. Of necessity, at to the edification of your own flock; of mercy, as to those multitudes who are perishing for lack of knowledge; of charity, as to those who have embraced the error, in acceptance them with the means of detecting and escaping from it. But, further, as you argue declare the whole counsel of God, and to keep tack nothing that is profitable to your hearers, so are you bound by your ordination vow, "to be ready, with all faithful diligence, to bankly and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doc-

trines, contrary to God's word."

Against this my admonition to you, and against your attention to it, you must be prepared to meet and to disregard the odium attached to a controversial spirit; because it can in no sense be made to apply to the duty every paster owes to his flock, in warning them against error, however that error may be sanctioned by others; and it is high time that this cunning method, of giving religious error time to establish itself, and eventually interdicting the only possible method of refuting and overturning it, be resisted. Those, and those only, who have a miserable interest in the prevalence of error, will resort to such an untens-ble argument against the discussion of those points on which the pro-fessing world is so divided; and, when it is evident that the operation of this and similar deceptive principles is gradually producing an indifference, coldness, and deadness, to revealed religion, which indicate the temper predicted of the latter day, it surely becomes the duty of the ministers of Christ to contend earnestly for the faith, to remember that they are watchmen in Zion, and that, if they give no warning, the price of blood will be required at their hands. But it does not follow, my reverend brothers, that in exposing error an angry and acrimonious temper or style is necessary. No; on the contrary it is to be avoided, both for our own sakes and the sake of others; and the only just objection to religious controversy is the intemperance into which it is too apt to degenerate. This, then, is to be guarded against, while we equally bear in mind, that the time is come when great plainness of speech is required, if we hope to rouse men to the serious consideration of those things which make for their peace; if we would, indeed, draw that line between divine truth and human error, whereby all may profit who are disposed to come to the light.

A second point, on which a cloud has been thrown over the public mind, injurious to, and, in the end, destructive of, revealed religion, is the lowering of the Scriptures of our faith in general estimation, by holding them out as equally conclusive in favor of opposite systems of

doctrines.

This, to men of any reflection, especially to men desirous of some cape from the obligation all feel they are under to hear the word of God, and to keep it, is seized upon as an argument against the Scriptures themselves, as the only rule of faith and duty, and not, as in justice it ought, as an argument of the strongest kind against all such perversion of their use and neglect of their warning. Hence the deplorable ignorance of the Bible itself, which is so visible among the better informed and more active part of society, and the consequent indifference to the claims of revealed religion. Hence the approximations to infidelity, in the various shades of unbelief which the different systems of morality, as a substitute for revealed religion, exhibit. And hence the prevalence of that liberality of opinion in which they tolerate every thing as true, but the truth as it is in Jesus.

Upon men of less information of mind, and of little leisure for reading and reflection, from the pressure of laborious occupation, the injury is doubled; they not only become remiss in procuring and acquainting themselves with the Bible, but, from the example of those above them, to whom they more or less look up, are encouraged in that neglect of religion, that surrender of themselves to the world and its pursuits, and to the indulgence of the flesh, which, like the worm at the root of Jonah's gourd, separates the hope of man from its foundation, cuts asunder the ligaments of society, and blasts and withers the overshadowing love of

God revealed in the Gospel of his Son.

Here, again, my reverend brethren, you are called upon to interpose, and, with all the earnestness and diligence which the love of souls, and a deep sense of accountable duty can beget, to meet this wide-spread delusion, with every argument which revelation and reason can supply; to call back your flocks to the only foundation, in the word of God; to exhort them to the diligent perusal and study of its inspired wisdom; and, with the Bible in your hand, and the love of God in your heart, explain and point out to them the connection and dependence of its parts, the harmony of its doctrines, the efficacy of its sacraments, the beauty and fitness of its order, and its sufficiency to answer the great purpose of its divine Author, in giving light, the light of life, to a benighted world, in order to make them wise unto salvation. In fulfilling this imperious duty, fear not to expose those fallacious inventions of men which have obscured the simplicity and efficacy of the doctrine of Christ, which have led men's minds into the devious mazes of error and unsettled opinion, and call loudly for the united efforts of all who value religious and civil liberty, to engage heartily in this work. St. Paul's rule, as expressed in the first Ep. to the Thessal., to govern and encourage you in this part of your duty in particular: "But, as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." And thus shall you be fortified against that fear of man, which bringeth a enare.

We are but a small body, my reverend brethren; but, by the good blessing of our God upon us, we are increasing. Help hath come forth for us from his right hand, during the past Conventional rear; and, if we continue faithful, we may confidently look for its continuance. Let this hope, then, animate us all, to renewed diligence in those duties, in the faithful discharge of which, only, can we expect to save our own souls and the souls of those who hear us.

To you, my brethren of the laity, it is also my duty to present such admonition, on those interests of the Church which depend on your cooperation, and can be promoted by the countenance and support you

give to her ministrations.



Now, this is confined chiefly to three things: First, your own deport ment, whether as members and friends, or members and communicants of the Church.

The most efficient support which the members of the Church can give to her advancement, is by their own personal religion. This is literally manifesting the tree by its fruit, and is an epistle of Christ, to be read of all men. If, therefore, you really and truly desire the prosperity of the Church, from whatever cause this desire may proceed, labour, and strive, and pray, that you may imbibe the spirit of her doctrines; that you may manifest the purity of her discipline; that you may experience the efficacy of her means of grace; and, by thus promoting the cause of the Church, which is one and the same with the cause of true religion, promote and secure, at the same time, the salva-

tion of your own soul.

Another very effectual means of promoting the interests and advancement of the Church, is, exact conformity to the course and order she hath prescribed for her public services. And in this there will be no difficulty, where her distinctive character is understood and felt: because this gives a point and impression to her ministrations, which belongs not to those who have separated themselves from her communion. Occasional conformity, therefore, by which is meant, a mixed attendance upon the Church and upon those who dissent from her—sometimes with the one, sometimes with the other—is so far in opposition to her advancement, as it is sure to keep the person thus acting unfixed and wavering. Where there is no settled principle there can be no con sistent conduct; and experience teaches us, that it is only what we love that we lay ourselves out for.

The peculiar situation of the Church at present, and for many yearback, whereby the congregations can only be occasionally supplied, hahad a tendency to lessen the danger of this practice, in the opinions of Christians, and to induce many who nevertheless have a true regard for the Church, to attend the services of others, when they had none of their own. Now, while it may be said, that hereby a good example was given of reverence for the Sabbath, and good instruction was received from the Sermon delivered, it is not considered, on the other hand, that countenance has also been given to ministrations which the Church considers irregular and invalid, not to say schismatical; and that, by this kind of conduct, we actually encourage the dangerous delusion, that one system of doctrine is as true as another, and one Church just as safe as another; and thus, without meaning it, perhaps, pull down with one hand the fabric we are rearing with the other. For according to St. Paul's reasoning, in a parallel case, "If any man see thee, which hast knowledge, sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols?" "and, through thy knowledge, shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?" But, though it is to be lamented that the different congregations cannot be supplied with regular services on every Sunday, yet is every family provided with the means of spending the vacant day profitably and to edification at home. in the Liturgy, Scriptures, and standard writers of the Church; so that every member of the family may have this advantage, which some must be deprived of if they have any distance to travel to the place of meeting.

As this want of conformity, therefore, to principle and order a Churchmen, is not defended by any necessity, is well provided again.

in the use of the Liturgy. Scriptures, and standard writers, and has an evident tendency to retard, rather than to promote the advancement of the Church, I trust that you, my lay brethren, will take in good part the admonition now given, and, by future steadfastness, shew that you are members of the Church rather from principle than from mere choice and convenience; and that, as your affection, understanding, and interests, are all on the side of the Church, so will your conduct declare it, by continuing steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and of prayers.

A third and most important means for the advancement of the Church, exclusively in the power of the laity, is found in the education of the

rising generation.

But a little while, my clerical and lay brethren, and the place that now knows us will know us no more. Who, then, is to succeed to that blessed hope, through the power of which we contemplate this awful hange without dismay, if not with desire? Surely it is bound upon every father, upon every mother, upon every Christian who himself rejoices in hope of the glory of God, to do what in him lies, to perpetuate that foundation on which this hope is built.

To education, then, we must look, not only for the future advancement, but for the very being of the Church. If religion is not instilled in early life, if it begin not in our families, and continue not to be carefully cultivated throughout the whole period of juvenile instruction, we shall in vain look for its prevalence in the world. Not to detain you on what is so evident, what you are so solemnly pledged to in the baptismal covenant, I will mention what I consider as injurious and inconsistent, in the performance of this duty.

First—The neglect of early catechetical instruction; that is, preparing

First—The neglect of early catechetical instruction; that is, preparing your children for public examination on the Catechism, in the Church, by the clergyman. This, my own experience tells me, is sadly neglected in many places; and thus is lost the most favorable time to lay a good foundation, and to implant those sound and saving principles, which

grow with their growth, and strengthen with their strength.

Secondly—An alarming carelessness as to the religious tenets of close to whom that part of the education of our children is committed, which has to be completed at a distance from the parents and guardians of youth. That this also is a negligence which calls loudly for a remediation to religion, a want of serious heartfelt impression of its awful realities, is to me the most distressing symptom. And it is my duty, my brecarch, to direct my attention rather to those things which mark the general than the particular indications of religious impression among the members of the Church.

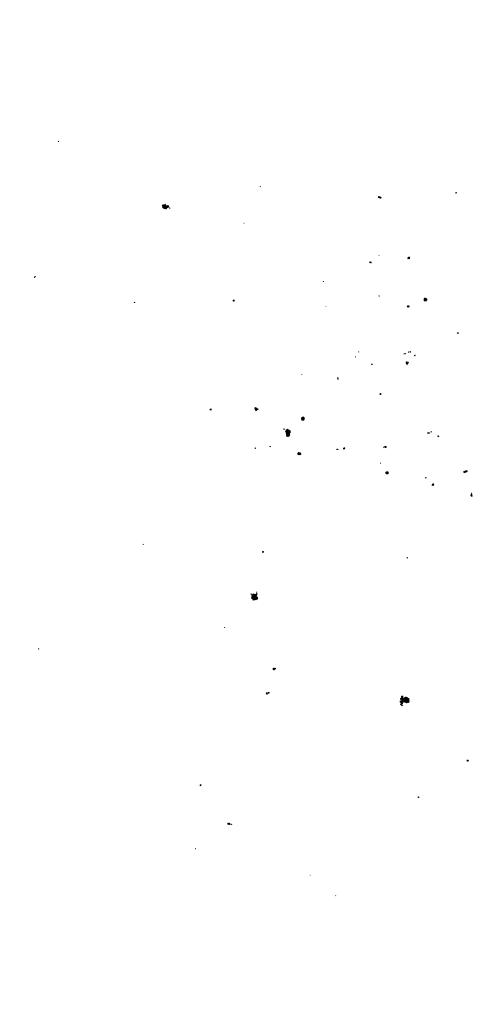
When, therefore, we see Christians, so called, sending their children to Jews, to educate; when we see Protestants trusting their offspring to Roman Catholics to train up; when we see believers in the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ surrendering their sons and their daughters to professed Unitarian teachers; and Episcopalians committing the hope of the Church to Dissenters, what can be the conclusion, but that such an indifference on the subject of religion generally, and such caremsons on its particular distinctions, prevails, as is sufficient to alarm very serious mind? And, as no necessity, nor yet commanding contenience, can be pleaded for this inconsistency, (for it is the wealthy bo the risk their children, and by a little concert with each other

might remove the reproach,) it calls the more loudly for this notice from me to the lay members of the Church. I pretend not to insinuate that the general advantages of education may not thus be obtained; nor yet do I say that any system of proselyting is in these schools carried on. But this I say, without the slightest fear of contradiction, that either there is no attention paid to religious instruction at all, or, it partakes of the character of that which is professed by the teachers. To you in particular, my Episcopal brethren, I am bound to press this subject, as of the last importance to the well-being of the Church; and to warn you, that, however careful you may be in laying the foundation, in infancy, if you afterwards commit them to those who are the enemies of your faith, the most you can hope for is, that it will not be pulled down. You cannot reasonably expect that it will be built up,

as you would have it to be, if sincere in your own profession.

To your serious consideration, then, my brethren of the clergy and laity, I commit these remarks, trusting that their deep importance to our general and particular well-being, as a religious body, will gain them that attention which they deserve. And, wishing you a safe return to your respective places of abode, I beg you to take with you the assurance of the deep interest I feel in your prosperity and happiness individually, and of the prosperity and increase of the Church over

which I am called to watch.



APPENDIX No. 1.

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latement of the fund for the Episcopate, as referred to in the report of the Committee of Finance.

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В.

latement of the sums to be raised by the several congregations in the Diocess, for the Bishop's salary, for eight years and a half, to commence June 1st, 1825, referred to in the report of the Committee of Finance.

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Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	50
Calvary Church, Waiterborough,	30
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APPENDIX No. II.

Course of Ecclesiastical Studies, established by the House of Bishops, in the Convention of 1804, in pursuance of a Resolution of the preceding General Convention.

In attending to this subject a considerable difficulty occurs, arising out of the difference of the circumstances of students, in regard not only to intellictual endowments and preparatory knowledge of languages and science, but to access to authors, and time to be devoted to a preparation for the ministry. For, in accommodating to those whose means are slender, we are in danger of derogating from the importance of religious knowledge, while, on the other hand, although we should demand all that is desirable, we shall be obliged to content ourselves, in some cases, with what is barely necessary.

In consideration of the above, it will be expedient to set down such a course of study as is accommodated to a moderate portion of time and means; and afterwards to suggest provision, as well for a more limited as for a more enlarged share of both.

Let'the Student be required to begin with some books in proof of the divine authority of Christianity; such as Grotius on the Truth of the Christian Religion; Jenkins on the Reusonableness of Christianity; Paley's Evidences; Leslie's Methods with the Jews and Deists; Stilling-fleet's Origines Sacrae; and Butler's Analogy. To the above should be added some backs which give a knowledge of the objections made be added, some books which give a knowledge of the objections made by Deists. For this, Leland's View may be sufficient; except that it should be followed by answers to deistical writers since Leland, whose works and the answers to them may be supposed known to the student. It would be best, if circumstances permit, that he should read what the Deists themselves have written.

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After the books in proof of revelation, let the student, previously to reading any system of Divinity, study the Scriptures, with the help of some approved Commentators; such as Patrick and Lowth on the Old Testament; and Hammond, or Whitby, or Doddridge, on the New; being aware, in regard to the last mentioned author, of the points on which he differs from our Church, although it be with moderation and candor. During such his study of the Scriptures, let him read some work or works which give an account of the design of the different books, and the grounds on which their respective authority is asserted; for instance, Father Simon's Canon of Scripture, Collier's Sacred Interpreter, Gray's Key to the Old Testament, and Percy's Key to the New.

Let the student read the Scriptures over and over, referring to his com-Let the student read the Scriptures over and over, receiving to mentators as need may require, until he can give an account of the design and character of each book, and explain the more difficult passages of it. He is supposed to know enough of *Profune History* to give an account of that also, wherever it mixes with the Sacred. There are Let the student read the Scriptures over and over, referring to his comcertain important subjects which may be profitably attended to, as matters of distinct study, during the course of the general study of Scrip-

ture. For instance: the student having proceeded as far as the deluge, may read some author who gives a larger account than the commenta-tors, of the particulars attached to that crisis, and also of the principles on which are founded the different systems of Chronology; all which will be found clearly done in the Universal History. In reading the book of Leviticus, it will be useful to attend to some connected scheme of the sacrifices, such as is exhibited by Bishop Kidder in his Introduction to the Pentateuch, and by Mr. Joseph Mede in some of his Dis-A more full and interesting interpretation of the Prophecies than can be expected from the commentators, will be desirable, and for this purpose let Bishop Newton's Work be taken. Between the study of the Old Testament and that of the New, should be read Prideaux's and Shuckford's Connections. With the New Testament should be taken some book relating to the Harmony of the Gospels, as McKnight's or Bishop Newcome's. Let the student, before entering on the Gospels, read Dr. Campbell's Introductory Dissertations. Towards the close of the Gospels, the subject of the resurrection should be particularly attended to; for which purpose let there be taken either Mr. West on the subject, or Bishop Sherlock's Trial of the Witnesses.

After the study of the Scriptures, let attention be given to Ecclesias-tical History, so far as the Council of Nice. This period is distinctly taken, from a desire that the portion of history preceding it, as well as the opinions then entertained, may be learned from original writers; which may be considered as one of the best expedients for guarding the student against many errors of modern times. The writers of that interval are not numerous or bulky. Eusebius is soon read through, and so are the Apostolic Fathers. Even the other writers are not voluminous, except Origen, the greater part of whose works may be passed over. The Apostolic Fathers may be best read in Cotelerius's edition; but there are translations of most of them by Archbishop Wake, and Cave's Lives of the Apostles and Fathers may the Rev. Wm. Reeves.

be profitably read at this period.

This stage of the student's progress seems the most proper for the study of the two questions, of our Lord's Divinity, and of Episcopacy. The aspect of early works on these subjects best enables us to ascertain in what shape they appeared to their respective writers. And it is difficult to suppose, on the ground of what we know of human nature, that, during the three first centuries, either the character of Christ should have been conceived of as materially different from what had been the representation of it by the first teachers of our religion, or that there should have been a material change of Church Government, without opposition to the innovation. For the former question, let the works of Bishop Bull and the Rev. Charles Leslie be taken, to which may well be added the late controversy between Bishop Horsley and Dr. Priestley; and for the latter, Mr. Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, Archbishop Potter on Church Government, and Danberry's Guide to the Church. As the Lord Chancellor King published a book on the discipline of the primitive Church, in which he has rested Episcopacy. on insufficient grounds, unwarily admitted by many on his authority, let the student read his book, and the refutation of it in Mr. Slater's original draft of the primitive Church.

After this let the student go on with the History of the fourth century, But it will be of advantage to him to turn to Fleury from Mosheim. History for the Epitomes there given of the writings of the eminent

men who abounded in that century and part of the next. men who abounded in that century and part of the next. Let him then return to Mosheim, and go on with that writer to the Reformation. Here let thin pause, and study, as the main hinges of Popery, its pretences to supremacy and infallibility; on which there will be found satisfactory matter in Mr. Chillingworth's Religion of Protestants a safe way to Satestion, and Dr. Barrow's Treatise of the Pope's Supremacy. Here also let there be read Father Paul's History of the Council of Trent. Then let the student resume Mosheim. But it will be best, if, for a more minute knowledge of the History of the Church of England since the Reformation, he take along with him Collier's History, a very able work, but in the reading of which some allowance must be made for pseculiar prejudices. On coming, in the reign of Elizabeth, to the ques-Let him then peculiar prejudices. On coming, in the reign of Elizabeth, to the questions which arose between the Divines of the Established Church and the Presbyterians, then known by the name of Puritans, let recourse be again had Mr. Hooker's work, and to the London cases. let Mosheim be proceeded with to the end.

After these studies, and not before, let Divinity be read, in a systematic method. Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed may be considered as a small system, and, on account of the excellence of the work, is recommended; as, also, Bishop Burnet's Exposition of the Thirty-nine Articles. Then let a larger system be taken, suppose Stackhouse's Body of Divinity, with the addition of the following modern works: Elements of Christian Theology, by the present Bishop of Lincoln, and the Scholar Armed. That many works of this sort are not mentioned, is because we think their utility is principally confined to arrangement, and suppose that the knowledge they convey is to be obtained from the Scriptures and judicious commentators.

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It seems necessary to this course of study, to recommend the Scrmons of some of the most distinguished preachers, who have so abounded in the Church of England for some ages past, that the only matter will be, from among many of great name, to select a convenient num-

And for this purpose we refer to the list at the end.

It Cens not unnecessary to require attention to the History of the Common Prayer, the grounds on which the different services are constructed, and the meaning of the Rubrics. Perhaps a careful study of Perhaps a careful study of Wheatley on the Common Prayer, and the late work of Mr. Reeves,

will be sufficient.

Some books should be read on the duties of the Pastoral office; such as St. Chrysostom on the Priesthood, Bishop Burnet on the Pastoral Care, and Bishop Wilson's Parochialia. It is, however, to be remembered, that one reason of studying carefully the book of Common Prayer and its Rubrics, is, that, by the help of these, in connection with what belongs in Scripture to the ministerial character, sufficient information of its duties may be had.

A knowledge of the Constitution and the Canons should be held absolutely necessary. And it is to be hoped that they will, on this ac-

count, be soon published, detached from the Journals.

To set down what books shall be essential, no student to be ordained without being fully prepared to answer on them, is more difficult. The lowest requisition is as follows: Paley's Evidences; Mosheim, with a reference to Mr. Hooker for the Episcopacy; Stackhouse's Body of Divinity; and Mr. Reeves on the Common Prayer; the Constitution and Cunons of the Church; allowing, in the study of the Scriptures, a latitude of choice among approved Commentators: it being understood.

that if the student cannot, on the grounds contained in some good or mentary, give an account of the different books, and explain such a sages as may be proposed to him, this is, of itself, a disqualification. In the beginning it was intimated, that the course to be recommend would be disproportioned to the means of some, and fall short of we would be within the compass of others. For the benefit of the latter than the compass of others.

we publish the following list on the different branches of ecclesiasti

knowledge.

During the whole course of study, the student will endeavor, by the grace of God, to cultivate his heart by attention to devotional and pro-tical treatises, several of which will be mentioned in the general lithat follows.

Library for a Parish Minister, prefixed to " Elements of Christia Theology," published by the Rt. Rev. the present Bishop of Lincoln

The books mentioned are divided into four classes.

The first containing such as relate to the exposition of the Old an New Testaments: the second such as serve to establish the divine a thority of the Scriptures: the third, such as explain the doctrines at discipline of the Church, and the duties of its ministers: and the fourt miscellaneous, including Sermons and Ecclesiastical History.

CLASS THE FIRST. Bible, with marginal references, 8vo.

Crutwell's Concordance of Parallels, 4to.

Butterworth's Concordance, 8vo. Patrick, Lowth, and Whitby, on the Old and New Testament,

6 vols. folio. Doddridge's Family Expositor, 6

vols. 8vo. Pool's Synopsis, 5 vols. folio. Collier's Sacred Interpreter, 2 vols.

Jennings' Jewish Antiquities, 2 vols. 8vo.

Lowman's Rationale of the Hebrew Ritual, 8vo.

Gray's Key to the Old Testament, 8vo.

Home's Scripture History of the Jews, 2 vols. 8vo.

Parkhurst's Greek Lexicon, 4to. Campbell's Translation of the Gospels, 2 vols. 4to.

Marsh's Michaelis, 6 vols. 8vo Bowyer's Conjectures on the New

Testament, 4to. Macknight's Harmony, 4to. Macknight on the Epistles, 3 vols. 4to

Lowman on the Revelation, Svo. Oliver's Scripture Lexicon, 8 Macbean's Dictionary of the Bible

CLASS THE SECOND. Stillingfleet's Origines Sacrae, vols. 8vo. Clarke's Grotius, 8vo.

Clarke's Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion, 8vo. Lardner's Works, 11 vols. 8vo.

Paley's Evidences, 2 vols. 8vo.

Horae Paulinae, 8vo. Jenkins on the Certainty and Rea

sonableness of Christianity, vols. 8vo. Leland on the Advantage and Ne cessity of Revelation, 2 vols

Leland's View of Deistical Wri-ters, 2 vols. 8vo. Butler's Analogy, 8vo.

Campbell on Miracles, 2 vols. 4 Newton on the Prophecies, 2 vols. 870

Kett's History, the Interpreter of Prophecy, 3 vols. 12mo. Leland on the Divine Authority of the Old and New Testament,

Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, 5 CLASS THE THIRD. Burnet's History of the Reforma-tion, 3 vols. folio. Burnet's Exposition of the 39 Arvols. 8vo. Bingham's Antiquities, 2 vols. folio. Broughton's Dictionary of all Religions, 2 vols. folio.
Shuckford's Connections, 4 vols. ticles, 8vo. Burnet's Pastoral Care, 8vo. Pearson on the Creed, 2 vols. 8vo. 8vo. Prideaux's Connections, 4 vols. 8vo. Nicholls on the Common Prayer, Echard's Ecclesiastical History, 2 8vo. vols. 8vo. Wheatley on the Common Prayer, Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, 8vo. Shepherd on the Common Prayer, 6 vols. 8vo. Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, 4 vols. Wilson's Parochialia, 12mo. 8vo. Wall on Infant Baptisms, 3 vols. Common Place Book to the Holy Bible, 4to. Barrow's Works, 3 vols. folio. 8vo. Secker on the Catechism, 12mo. Secker's Charges, 8vo. Tillotson's Works, 3 vols. folio. The Homilies, by Sir Adam Gor-Clarke's Sermons, 10 vols. 8vo. don, 8vo. Sherlock's Sermons, 5 vols. 8vo. Scoker's Sermons, 9 vols. 8vo. Scott's Christian Life, 5 vols. 8vo. Daubeny's Guide to the Church. Appendix to do. 2 vols. Whole Duty of Man, 12mo. CLASS THE FOURTH.
Cudworth's Intellectual System, Scholar Armed, 2 vols. 8vo. Tracts by Society for Christian Knowledge, 12 vols. 12mo. 2 vols. 4to.

In addition to the preceding may be recommended the following list of Sermons and devotional and practical books:

Sermons by Bishop Pearce.	Rev. Wm. Jones (of Nayland's)
by Bishop Wilson.	Works.
by Bishop Horne.	Nelson's Festivals and Fasts of the
by Bishop Porteus.	Church.
by Dr. Jortin.	Nelson's Practice of true Devotion.
by Dr. Brady.	Nelson's Christian Sacrifice.
by the late Right Rev.	Bishop Taylor's Rule of Holy Liv-
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Church.	Scongall's Life of God in the Soul
by the late Rev. Dr.	of Man.
Smith, of the same.	Dr. Sherlock on Death.
Bishop Gibson's Tracts.	on Judgment.
Bishop Horne's Commentary on the	on a Future State.
Psalms.	on Providence.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the next Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOI AL CHUPCH in North Carolina will be held in Hillsborough, on the First Thursday after Whitsunday, being the 18th day of May, A. D. 1826.

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LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

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CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, D. D. ex officio President of the Convention.

Rev. JOHN AVERY, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. C. C. BRAINERD. Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

Rev. ADAM EMPIE, St. James' Church, Wilmington.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, and St. Mary's. Orange county.

Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ's Church, Newbern.

Rev. H. M. Mason, St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

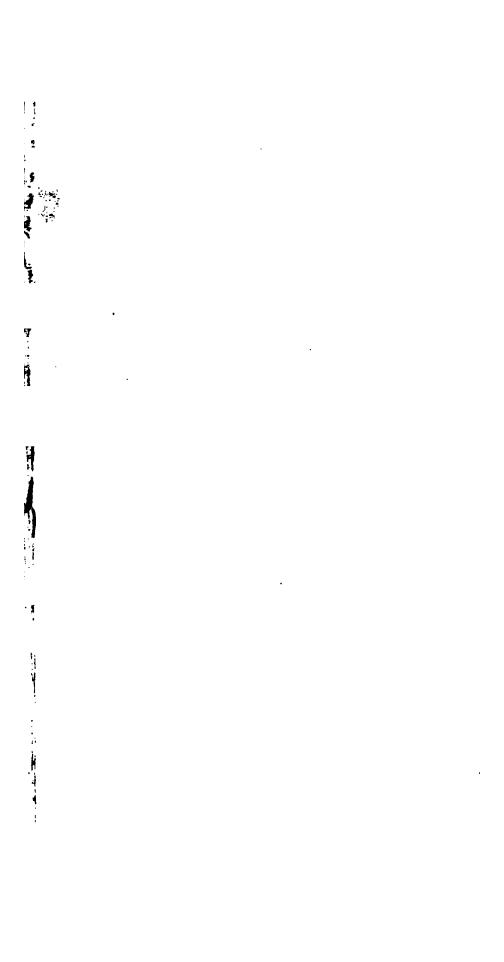
Rev. Joseph Pierson, St. Peter's Church, Washington, Zion Church, and St. Thomas'. Beaufort county.

Rev. THOMAS WRIGHT, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church. Rowan county.

The Rev. R. J. Miller, the Rev. E. Brainerd, and the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, clerical members of this Convention, were not present at its sessions.

LAITY.

Gavin Hogg. Christ's Church, Raleigh. G. E. Badger, Wm. H. Haywood, jr James S. Green, St. James' Church, Wilmington. Wm. B. Lord, Maurice Waddell, Francis Hawks, Christ's Church, Newbern. Jeremiah Lippett, Charles T. Haigh. St. John's Church, Fayetteville. T. N. Cameron, John Anderson. Emmanuel Church. Warrenton. Samuel Fleming. Christ's Church, Rowan county. William Norwood, 7 Thomas Ruffin, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. James S. Smith, Francis L. Hawks. Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county. Thomas Davis. St. Jude's Church, Orange county. John C. Taylor, St. John's Church. Williamsborough.



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Hillsborough, Thursday, May 18, 1826, 10 o'clock, A. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the members thereof assembled in the Church, for the purpose of organizing, the Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, D. D. acting as president, and the Rev. R. S. Mason as secretary pro tempore.

The list of the clergy being called over, the following were found

to be present:

Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hills-

Rev. R. S. Mason, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.

Rev. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington. Rev. Henry M. Mason, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayette-

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Rev. Joseph Pierson, Rector of St. Peter's Church. Washington. Rev. C. C. Brainerd, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. The certificates of lay delegation were then presented, and the following persons admitted as members of the convention: Gavin Hogg, Christ Church, Raleigh.

T. N. Cameron, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville. C. T. Haigh,

James S. Green, St. James' Church, Wilmington. Wm. C. Lord,

John Anderson, Émmanuel Church, Warrenton.

Thomas Ruffin, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. Walker Anderson, St. Mary's Church, Orange county.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a secretary, and the Rev. R. S. Mason was chosen.

On motion, Resolved. That an assistant secretary be elected, to aid in the speedy publication of the Journal; and Walker Anderson was then duly elected.

The Convention being thus organized, adjourned to attend di-

vine service.

Morning prayer was performed by the Rev. Henry M. Mason, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Adam Empie, from Col. iv. 17.

After service, the Convention assembled for business.

Mr. Jeremiah Lippitt, a delegate from St. John's Church, Fay-

etteville, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of delegation from Christ Church, Rowan county, was presented, and Samuel Fleming, a lay delegate from said Church, admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Episcopal Journal was then read by the Rt. Rev. President,

and is here presented.

EPISCOPAL JOURNAL.

With renewed and increased cause of thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, and Disposer of all events in this world, to the advancement of his pure and undefiled religion, we are again permitted, my clerical and lay brethren, to unite our counsels and our efforts to promote the same glorious and gracious purpose. And as the divine mercy is pleased to continue thus favourable to us. I trust it will prove an additional ground of increased exertion on our part, to give ourselves heartily to the fulfilment of those duties, which are intrusted to the representatives of the Church, by the various congregations in this diocese. And this body, to which is committed such high and holy interests, will enter upon them. I doubt not, with such a reverend impression of their importance, such a deep sense of their personal responsibility, and such a firm dependence on divine direction, as shall ensure a happy and profitable issue to its labours, in the continuance of the divine blessing upon the exertions put forth for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, in this portion of the Lerd's vineyard.

Full of this hope, my reverend and lay brethren. I now proceed to lay before you the state of the Church in this diocese, as presented to my observation, in my visits to the different coagregations of which it is composed, during the past conventional year.

The intended course of my episcopal visits for the previous year, having been interrupted by sickness, as mentioned in my address to the last Convention, my first object, after the adjournment of the Convention which met in Washington, was to supply this deficiency. On the 26th April, accordingly I left Washington for Edenton, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and the Rev. Mr. Pierson. In passing through the town of Plymouth, the application of some of the inhabitants of the place, was complied with, and divine service was performed, and a sermon preached in the court-house, by candle light, to a respectable and attentive congregation:

On the next day, opportunity was taken to pay a visit to Mrs. Pettigrew, the aged widow of the Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, formerly Bishop elect of this diocese. To this I was prompted, as well by

my own feelings, as by the respect conceived to be due from the diocese at large, to the relict of one who was thought worthy to preside over the interests of this branch of the Church of Christ, and which I felt perfectly sure it would be pleased to manifest through its present representative. To this venerable lady, the attention thus shown was most grateful, and none the less so from being altogether unlooked for, while to myself it was more than gratifying; because, to the satisfaction arising from the performance of what is believed to be a duty, was added the assurance, that the Church has yet many friends remaining in that immediate neighbourhood, who want only the opportunity to return again to those services in which they were raised, but of which they have long been deprived. They have a neat little Church, in perfect repair, built by Mr. Pettigrew, in which the Methodists occasionally officiate, and on whose ministrations the members of the Church are compelled by necessity to attend. On the next day I took leave of Mrs. Pettigrew, and arrived in Edenton in the afternoon.

On the 29th, divine service was performed in the afternoon in St. Patil's Church. Edenton, by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, and a sermon preached by myself. On the 30th, the usual services were performed in the forenoon. after which I preached and confirmed five persons. Sunday, May the 1st, morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, after which I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon the usual services, with a sermon by myself, were afforded to the congregation, which was both numerous and attentive.

On the 2d May, I left Edenton for Elizabeth City, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and the Rev. Mr. Pierson. On the 3d, divine service was performed in the court-house in the forenoon, after which I confirmed nine persons, preached and administered the communion to ten communicants. In the evening the service was repeated, with a sermon by myself. On the 4th, returned to Edenton, and on the way performed divine service, and preached to a small congregation in Hertford.

May the 5th, left Edenton in company with the Rev. Mr. Pier-

son, for Bath.

May 8th, divine service was performed in the forenoon, at Bath, by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, after which I administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-six persons, preached a sermon and administered the holy communion. During the whole of the services, I was much gratified with the orderly deportment of a large congregation, and with the devout and deep interest manifested by the members of the Church in all that pertains to her order and worship.

On the next day, the 9th. proceeded to Zion Chapel. Fourteen persons were confirmed, and a sermon preached by myself to a large and attentive congregation. In the evening went on to Wash-

ington

May 10th, in St. Peter's Church, Washington, morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Pierson. Five persons were confirmed, and a sermon preached by myself. In the evening service was again performed by Mr. Pierson, and a sermon preached by myself.

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May 11th, proceeded to Trinity Chapel, where, after divine service. I confirmed twelve persons, preached, and administered the holy communion. In the evening returned to Washington.

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May 12th, left Washington for Raleigh, by way of Greenville and Tarborough, at both of which places appointments had been made. In the evening of the 12th, preached in Greenville to a small congregation, composed chiefly of the residents of the village, but few Episcopalians, and those few nearly strangers to their own services from long disuse. There is, however, a spirit abiding with them, which may yet cause this remnant again to take root and flourish, and become mighty, in showing forth the praises of their God and Saviour.

May 13th. proceeded to Tarborough, and on the evening of the 14th, performed divine service, and preached to an attentive collection of people.

Sunday. May 15th, performed divine service, and preached both forenoon and afternoon to a large and attentive congregation. The prospects of the Church in this place, are dark and distant.

May 16th, lest Tarborough for Raleigh, where I arrived on the

17th.

May the 30th, having remained with my parishioners in Raleigh two Sundays, I set out once more to visit the congregations in Wilmington and Fayetteville, and arrived in Wilmington on June the 1st.

June 2d, in the evening performed divine service, and preached to an attentive congregation.

June 3d, the intended services for the evening of this day were

prevented by a most violent storm of wind and rain.

June 4th, in the evening performed divine service, and preached to a small but engaged congregation: the effects of the storm and the dampness of the night causing many to remain at home.

Sunday. June 5th, morning prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Empie and a full congregation; after which I confirmed three persons, and administered the holy communion to upwards of eighty communicants.

Sunday evening divine service was performed by myself, and a sermon preached.

June 7th, left Wilmington for Fayetteville, and arrived the same day.

June 9th, evening service was performed by the Rev. H. M. Mason: after which I preached to an attentive audience.

June 10th, evening service by the Rev. Mr. Mason, and a sermon by myself.

June 11th, examined the candidates for confirmation, at the request of Mr. Mason; and after divine service by him in the evening, baptized one adult, confirmed six persons, and preached to a numerous congregation.

Sunday, June 12th, morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. H. Mason; after which I preached and administered the holy com-

manion.

In the afternoon, the service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mason; after which I baptized three infants, and preached.

June 14th, I returned to Ruleigh.

As this concludes the tour of duty which ought to have been performed during the previous year, but was interrupted by an attack of sickness, I think it right to notice it, that it may be referred to its proper place, in that estimate of the advancement of the Church which this Convention will feel itself bound to inquire into. In this inquiry it will not escape their notice, of what importance it is to the cause we have in hand, that the Convention should not become stationary, but be transferred from place to place, according as it shall best subserve the general interests of the diocese. Of the propriety of this proceeding there can be no question, and all doubt of its advantage must be done away, by those proofs of the powerful and lasting effects which have been produced in favour of the Church by the meeting of the Convention in Washington last year; effects which are yet operating, and through the zeal and diligence of the clergyman entrusted with that particular charge, will continue to operate and to spread beyond the calculations even of the most sanguine friends of the Church.

On the 17th of August I commenced my course of visits to the different congregations for the present conventional year, and proceeded to Williamsborough, in Granville county; where, being met by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, the pastor of St. John's Church in that place, divine service was performed on the 20th by him, and a ser-

mon preached by myself.

Sunday, the 21st. morning prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, after which I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon the usual service was performed, with a sermon, as in the morning. On hoth the days the weather was very unfavourable, so that the services were thinly attended. The interests of the Church, however, there is good ground to believe, are improving. Since the Convention which was held there in 1824, the attention of many has been awakened to the subject of religion generally, and to the doctrines of the Church in particular; and notwithstanding the power of prejudice, the influence of a preoccupied population, and the exertions put forth to withstand it, the truth is gradually prevailing.

My next appointment being in Warrenton on the 27th, I repaired to that place, and aided by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, who has the

charge also of the Church there, the usual services were performed on Saturday forenoon, and a sermon preached to a small but attentive congregation.

Sunday, 28th, morning prayer was offered up to Almighty God by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd and a large congregation; after which I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon the services were resumed to a yet numerous body of hearers and

worshippers, and a sermon preached by myself.

In this place also, there is encouraging evidence of religious improvement, and of increasing interest felt for the advancement of the Church. For a long time the ark was upheld by a few hands, but they were firm and faithful; and though they are yet comparatively but a small number, it hath pleased God to add unto them; and as he hath begun the good work, we have the surest ground to believe that he will carry it on. From Warrenton I returned to Baleigh, and resumed my duties to the Church there.

Having received information from the Rev. Mr. Brainerd that the members and vestry of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, were desirous that it should be regularly consecrated as an Episcopal Church; and having also received the requisite testimonials from the standing committee of this diocese, in favour of Mr. James H. Otey, a candidate for deacon's orders, and of the Rev. C. C. Brainerd, a candidate for priest's orders, I availed myself of the season, when several of the clergymen from the lower country were returning to their respective cures, and appointed the 16th of October for the performance of those sacred duties.

On Saturday, the 15th, accordingly I was met in Williamsborough by the Rev. Mr. Green and the Rev. Mr. Brainerd; and after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Green, I confirmed two

persons, and preached.

Sunday, October 16th, being the day appointed for the consecration of St. John's Church. Williamsborough, and the necessary deeds being previously executed, that service was performed. After the second lesson I confirmed one person. Public prayer being ended, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Green; after which I admitted Mr. James H. Otey, a candidate in this diocese, into the holy order of deacons, and the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd, a deacon, into the holy order of priests, the Rev. Messrs. Mason, Green and Pierson assisting by imposition of hands; and then proceeded to administer the holy communion.

In the evening, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, and a sermon preached by myself. Monday the 17th, we took leave of each other, and of the hospitable inhabitants of Wil-

liamsborough, and set out for our respective destinations.

My attention was next directed to the churches in the western section of this diocese. On the 2d November, accordingly, I left Raleigh for Milton, and passing through Hillsborough, where I

performed divine service and preached on the evening of the 3d, arrived there on the 4th.

On the 5th November, I performed divine service, and preached in the forenoon, and in the evening. Likewise on Sunday the 6th, the services were performed twice; and in the forenoon, after the 2d lesson, I baptized one infant.

The situation of this little congregation is very precarious, and has recently been rendered more so, by the diversion of a part of

their means into an opposite direction.

On the 7th, I left Milton for Salisbury, where I arrived on the 10th, in time to attend a meeting of the vestry of St. Luke's Church, convened to ascertain the ability and inclination of the congregation to employ a clergyman. For some years past this congregation, together with that of Christ's Church, Rowan, have been altogether dependant on occasional and uncertain services, the injurious consequences of which were beginning to be very visible. As, however, there could be no doubt of their joint ability to maintain a clergyman, and it was hoped the inclination was not wanting, my main object was, to bring them to act with union and effect for this so essential a purpose. Having ascertained that St. Luke's Church was prepared to do their part, I left Salisbury for Christ's Church, where my appointments had previously been made, for the 19th and 13th days of the month; and having been joined by the Rev. Mr. Wright, divine service was performed by him, on the morning of the 12th; after the 2d lesson I baptized two children, and after service confirmed thirteen persons; I then preached a sermon. and afterwards baptised another infant.

After the services of the day were over, the vestry were convened, and readily came to the resolution to unite with St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, in calling and supporting a clergyman, and appointed a committee to arrange and conclude all necessary pro-

ceedings with the vestry of St. Luke's.

Sunday, Nov. 13th, attended at Christ's Church for the duties

of the day, and was there met by the Rev. Mr. Miller, from Burke county. I here preached, and administered the holy communion to fifty six white, and three coloured communicants.

My next appointment being in Wadesborough, my course was directed thither through Salisbury, where I arrived on the 16th, attended by the Rev. Mr. Wright.

On the 17th, evening service was performed by Mr. Wright, and a sermon preached by myself.

On the 19th, I baptized one infant, and afterwards preached a sermon to a very attentive little congregation. In the evening the services were resumed, and a sermon preached to a larger and equally attentive congregation.

Sunday, November 20th, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wright, I confirmed two white, and one coloured, persons, preach



ed and administered the holy communion to sixteen communicants. In the evening the congregation was again convened for divine ser, vice. after which I preached and catechised the children.

On the 24th, I returned to Salisbury, and to my very great sattisfaction found every thing properly arranged betwixt the vestries of Christ's Church and St. Luke's, and a call given to the Rev. Mr. Wright who readily accepted it.

Nov. 26th, morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Wright, during which I baptized one infant, and afterwards preached to a

small congregation of attentive people.

Sunday, the 27th. I baptized two infants, after the service I confirmed one person. preached, and administered the holy communion to ten communicants.

In the evening divine service was performed by Mr. Wright, and a sermon preached by myself in the court-house, being more convenient to the inhabitants generally than the Church, which is situated at the extreme end of the town.

During my visit to this place, an interference in appointments took place, which gave me the opportunity to press upon the members of the Church the necessity, as well as the propriety, of providing a place of worship for themselves. And though the present building has been erected almost entirely at the expense of Episcopalians, yet as the ground was originally given for what is called a Free Church, and each denomination has an equal right to the use of it, I recommended to surrender it altogether, to submit to the loss, should the other denominations refuse a reasonable reinbursement, and rent some convenient place for present use, until they could provide the means of creeting a suitable building for themselves; and I have reason to believe that this, or such other course as will prevent all collision, will be pursued.

My next appointment being at St. Jude's, in the county of Orange, I took leave of the Rev. Mr. Wright and the brethren in Salisbury and its neighborhood, and reached Mr. James Davis's on the 2d December.

On the 3d. met at St. Jude's. but owing to the wetness and coldness of the day, only ten people attended. With these, however, I engaged in the worship of God, and preached in the school-house adjoining, which afforded the accommodation of a good fire.

Sunday, Dec. 4th, attended at St. Jude's again, performed divine service and preached to a full house; but few of the people, however, have any knowledge of, or feel any interest in the Church From hence I returned through Hillsborough to Raleigh, where I arrived on the 7th.

My attention was next directed to the Churches in Fayettevilla and Wilmington. And as the congregation in the former place had been dependent on occasional visits from myself and others of the dergy for the administration of the higher ordinances of religion, for

of a year, occasion was taken to remedy this inconvenience, ing their pastor, the Rev. Henry M. Mason. deacon. who arrived to the proper age, to the order of priests. Having, received the necessary testimonials in favour of Mr. Mathe standing committee, I appointed Sunday, the 12th of, for the performance of that duty. I left Raleigh according was met on the 10th by the Rev. Mr. Empie, and subby the Rev. Mr. Richard S. Mason.

evening of the 11th, divine service was performed by the Henry M. Mason, and a sermon preached by myself.

. Feb. 12th, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev. ie. and a numerous congregation, and a sermon preached; after which the Rev. Mr. Henry M. Mason, deacon, nted by the Rev. Mr. Empie, and by me admitted to the r of priests, the Rev. Mr. Empie, and the Rev. Mr. Richason assisting in the imposition of hands, and in the adion of the holy communion, which followed.

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5. Mason, and a sermon preached by myself.

; spent some days with the members of this congregation, tained to my great satisfaction, that they had recovered shock recently sustained, and that increasing regard subween them and their pastor, I left them on the 15th for on, where I arrived the same day.

16th, I performed divine service in the evening, and to a numerous assembly, giving notice that the same serld be performed every evening for the rest of the week, accordingly complied with, and the Church well attend-

mpie having travelled in a private conveyance did not til Friday night; my previous acquaintance, however, members of the Church, enabled me to occupy my time eably and profitably I trust, in private intercourse with m which I ascertained the high regard they entertain for or, and the evident improvement which is taking place in body of Episcopalians, in tavour of the distinctive prinhe Church, and of the vital doctrines of the Gospel.

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evening, prayers were read, and a sermon preached by nd both in the morning and evening the services were I to a numerous, attentive and devout body of worship-

21st, I left Wilmington for Fayetteville, and on Wedrenoon performed divine service in the Church there: afthe Rev. H. M. Mason delivered a lecture to a small Having performed the duties required at this place greatly to my satisfaction, and to the advantage of all interested, the Rev. Ma. Avery and myself returned to Bath in the evening, and the next morning set out for Edenton, where we arrived on Tuesday.

Wednesday, the 19th, divine service was performed in the graning by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon preached by myself. The same services were repeated on Thursday evening, and on both ac-

casions to a numerous congregation for week days.

A congregation having been organized at Elizabeth City, by the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Avery, my attention was next called, to that place, which I reached on Friday evening, and on Saturday morning, after divine service by the Rev. Mr. Avery, during which I baptized one infant. I confirmed seven persons, and preached. In the evening these services were repeated in the court-house to very respectable congregations.

Sunday, the 23d, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and devoutly joined in by the members of the Church, after which I preached to a full house, and administered the holy communion to 9 communicants. In the evening prayers were again

read by Mr. Avery, and a sermon preached by myself.

Here also, my brethren, we have cause of mutual congratulation and thankfulness. The Church organized in this place is respectable both for its numbers and the carnestness with which they are engaged to promote the Redeemer's kingdom. Funds are provided amply sufficient for the erection of a suitable place of worship, and they are provided with a clergyman, in the recent ordination of Mr. Wiley to to the ministry, under whose labours, I trust, they will not only be established, but by the blessing of God, increased and extended.

On my return to Edenton the next day, the request of somethic inhibitants of Hertford was complied with, and divine service performed, and a sermon preached to a pretty numerous assembly in the Baptist meeting-house.

Wednesday, the 26th. I preached in Edenton to a large congre-

gation.

Saturday, the 29th. I confirmed two persons, and preached to a

still larger congregation than before-

Having received the necessary testimonials from the standing committee of the diocese in favour of Mr. Philip B. Wiley. a candidate for the ministry, and Sunday, the 50th of April, being the day appointed for his ordination, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, Mr. Wiley was presented by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and by me admitted into the holy order of deacons, in St. Paul's Church. Edenton, after which the holy communion was administered. In the afternoon prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, and a sermon preachable by the Rev. Mr. Wiley. In the evening Mr. Wiley read prayers.

and a sermon was preached by myself. These services were perticked to full and most attentive congregations, and all that has more within my therevation on this visit to Edenton, furnishes indigrounds for the encouraging hope, that the interests of reliare advancing with the increase of its power in the hearts and over the lives of the members of the Church.

Having finished the duties required in this place, I took my leave of the affectionate brethren, and on Monday, the 1st May, proceeded to Windsor, where I performed divine service and preached in the afternoon to a large collection of the inhabitants and neighbourhood, in the court-house, and from the number of prayer books and the readiness with which the service was joined in, I am encouraged to hope, that the day is not far distant, when a congregation in Windsor will be added to our number.

From Windsor I proceeded through Tarborough, where I performed divine service and preached to a small collection of people

on the evening of the 3d. and reached Raleigh on the 5th.

The congregations in Orange County, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Green, remaining to be visited, I left Raleigh on the 12th May on that duty; and on Saturday, the 13th, performed divine solvice and preached in the building lately erected by Duncan Cameron, esq. in the vicinity of his own residence, as a place of public worshing. The house is yet unfinished, but will in due time, be suitably accommodated for its appropriate uses, and will be both a handsome and commodious building, affording to the neighborhood means and opportunity for religious services, of which they were much in want.

On Sunday, the 14th, I officiated at St. Mary's Chapel, confirmed fair persons, and preached to a full congregation. In the evening, the services were performed in Hillsborough, in the Female

Academy in that place.

Having thus completed the visitation of the diocese, it remains, that I lay before this Convention such other information as is necessary to give a correct view of the state of the diocese, and to take it to adopt such measures as shall best promote those great interests which are committed to the wisdom and discretion of this body.

Two changes have taken place in the former location of the clergy. The Rev. Mr. Green has removed from the charge of the congregations in Williamsborough and Warrenton, and if now settled in Hillsborough, in charge of the congregation recently organized in that place, of that at St. Mary's Chapel, and at Mr. Cameron's. His place has been supplied by the Rev. C. C. Brainerd, who continues in charge of St. John's and Emmanuel Churches, in Granville and Warren. The Rev. Mr. Wright has removed from Wadesborough, and is now settled in charge of the congregation in Salisbury, and of Christ's Church, Rowan. His removal has not yet,

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to my great regret, been supplied to the very interesting little configregation of Calvary Church, Wadesborough; so that they are the together dependent on the occasional service they may receive from the affectionate interest felt for them by meir late paston the Rev. Mr. Hatheway, of Cheraw, South-Carolina. These differences of situation have both been made with my entire apprehation; and chiefly with a view to the general interests of the diocese; and there is good ground to hope, that under the divine blessing they will both be eminently conducive to that end. They are both stations of great importance, and will, I doubt not, call forth that zeal and diligence in their several occupants, which shall fulfil the just and reasonable expectations of their respective charges and of the diocese at large.

Two of the candidates for the ministry in this diocese have removed into other dioceses; Mr. John Davis into the diocese of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Alexander Norris into the diocese of Chio.

The Rev. Mr. Elijah Brainerd, of Vermont, has been received into this diocese, under letters dimissory from the Bishop of the eastern diocese, and is authorized by me to officiate in such places as his age and infirmities, and the duties required of him by the school established by his family in Warrenton, will enable him to serve.

The Rev. Mr. James Otey has removed into the state of Tennessee, he having been ordained with the knowledge that such was his intention.

It will not escape the observation of the Convention, that the congregations in Burke and Lincoln visited last year, have notbeen included in the range of my labours for the present year. They were omitted, partly from the impossibility of so dividing my time as to give such distant places any profitable portion of it, but more from having ascertained by correspondence that the prospect of usefulness was too dark, particularly in Lincoln, to justify the sacrifice I must have made of time and labour, anxiously wished for in other directions. If our prospects in that direction are again to revive, it must be by missionary labour. The effect produced by occasional services soon wears out, and where the interval between is distant, no safe calculation can be made of any permanent advantage.

From the whole, however, it will appear. I trust, that the interests of the Church are advancing with an accelerated progress, and with them, the inseparable interests of our holy religion. Three new congregations are added to our nameer. Three courches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, one of them a new building. Four ordinations have taken place, two deacons and two priests. The close of the conventional year finds us, through the goodness of God, in perfect harmony and union, and we have but to cost our eyes to the building in which we are assembled to re-

alise "the good hand of our God upon us for good," to cause our hierts to dilate with gratitude and praise to him who, in the provisionce of his overruling government, hath prospered the endeavours and made fruitful the labours of his servants; and to strengthen subject our trust, and to promote and forward it, to the extent of the ability God hath given us.

In the performance of my episcopal duties since the last tion, I have travelled 2218 miles, preached ninety times, and (including those during the convention) confirmed 191 persons.

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Having thus laid before you, my reverend and lay brethren, those details which my duty requires, I trust it will not be considered improper on my part, to request your particular attention to the financial concerns of the diocese. The period is not distant, if indeed it is not already come, when the increasing labours of the episcopate cannot be performed within the six months allotted to them; neither cannot it be far distant, when the congregation which at present employs and compensates half my time, will feel, beyond bearing much longer, the unprofitable nature of those broken and divided services which my almost exclusive occupation with the affairs of the diocese compel me to render to them. They have hitherto borne with great patience, the nearly entire privation of all other services from me beyond the public services of the Sabbath. But they ought not to be required to continue under so very great a sacrifice of the most profitable part of ministerial duty. With another year the last instalment of the subscription to the episcopal fund will be on demand, and the unexpended surplus only will be available as a permanent fund. Under these circumstances, and the failure in a great degree of the plan adopted at the last convention, it appears prudent at least, if not absolutely necessary, that the present convention should meet the emergency with such prospective measures as may, in a reasonable time, release the bishop from parochial charge, and enable him to give his undivided attention to the diocese.

Committing, then, to your most serious and affectionate consideration, the various interests which you are met to forward, I commend you to the guidance of that gracious Spirit from whom all good counsels do proceed, and to the protection of that ever merciful God and Saviour whose blessing alone can give a profitable issue to your consultations, and who has promised to be with his Church even to the end of the world.

A certificate of delegation from St. Jude's Church, Orange county, was presented, and Thomas Davis, a delegate from said Church, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

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The Convention met according to adjournment.

Mr. Jeremiah Lippitt presented the following resolution, which passed:

Resolved. That so much of the Bishop's journal as relates to the means for the support of the episcopate, be referred to a select companie.

Meass. Empie, Green and Pierson, of the clergy, and Messrs. Hogg. Lippitt and Ruffin, of the laity, were appointed on the committee.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee on the state of the church, viz. of the clergy, Rev. Messrs. Avery, Wright and Brainerd; of the laity, Messrs. Lord, Cameron and Haigh.

Mr. Lippitt presented the following resolution, which passed:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's journal as relates to the state of individual Churches, and of the Church generally, be referred to the committee on the state of the Church.

The parochial reports were next called for, and the following were presented:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

John S. Ravenscroft, Rector.

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Burials.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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The condition of this congregation has not perceptibly improved, nor is it to be expected that it will under the unfavourable circumstances of occasional services. There is nothing, however, to mark any decline either in the members who attend, or in the attention paid to the service; on the contrary, during the past year the number of prayer books and of those who use them with apparent interest, have increased, and a reasonable hope is entertained that they will continue to improve.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. R. S. Mason, Rector.

Baptisms, 3	adults,	21 c	hildre	n,	-	-	24
Burials, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

Communicants, nearly the same as at the last Convention, the number not having been perfectly ascertained.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Henry M. Mason, Rector.

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That the religious condition of this congregation is far from being on the decline, I have every reason to believe. There is an increasing interest manifested in the liturgy and services of the Church: our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. I have made successful endeavours to represent to the poor in our neighborhood the eminent advantages, to them above all others, of our ordinances and form of worship.

We owe a new and handsome set of plate to the liberality of the ladies of the congregation.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ORANGE COUNTY.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

The congregation has, for the past year, appeared to be stationary, if not on the decline. This, I believe, has been caused in great part by the death of several of the oldest, most influential and long tried members of the congregation. Those who had clung to the cause of the Church in that quarter, during the long season of its depression, and who were the first to shed tears of joy over the prospect of her revival, have gradually been taken away; and the children having been brought up in ignorance of the Church and of the sanctifying efficacy of its ordinances, are, for the most part, indifferent to her interests, and many of them have strayed into strange pastures. There are, however, some among the younger part of the congregation, who, through the active exertions of the managers of the Sunday School, have been taught to love, to reverence and to pray for our Zion. This school exerts a cheering influence upon my labours in that quarter. It is well attended, and is, indeed, a blessing to the neighborhood.

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ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

The congregation formed in this place little more than a year ago, have, with a commendable liberality, erected to the worship of Almighty God, and for the use of the Church, the building in which we are at present assembled.

In my report of this congregation, I ought to mention that the Sunday School continues to engage the attention, and I hope in time will reward the labours, of those who so zealously give themselves to the task. The ladies of the congregation have formed a society, the object of which is, by the profits of their labour, to afford pecuniary aid to the Church, which has already reaped the benefits of their labours.

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in that place are unshaken in their attachment to her; and could any neighbouring congregations unite with them, they would cheerfully and liberally contribute to the support of a missionary or settled pastor.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BURKE COUNTY.

Rev. R. J. Miller, Rector.

It consists of 9 families, comprising 27 individuals, exclusive of children. Eleven candidates for confirmation.

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. C. C. Brainerd, Rector.

Baptisms,	Adult Child	s, ren,	•	-	•	•	S 8
	Colou		child,		То	- tal,	112
Marriage,		_	_	_	_	-	
		-	•	-	-	-	-
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communic	ants,		-	•	-	-	18
Catechum	ens,	-	-	-	-	from	20 to 40

In the course of the year our number of communicants has been increased 8; 3 have removed and 2 died. This Church has been favoured with a donation of \$1,000 by the will of Dr. Keys. The quota of this Church for the Bishop's salary has been readily collected and forwarded by the delegate. The catechetical instructions given each Bunday afternoon in the Church, have been promptly and fully attended. The books made use of are, the catechism of the Church, and the Young Churchman's Guide, by the Rev. H. Croswell. The prospects of this Church are on the whole favourable. The friends of the Church remain firm and devoted, and her numbers increase. Divine service is fully attended, and this attention is increasing.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. C. C. Brainerd, Rector.

Baptisms,			•	•	-	19	
Coloured children,					• •.		
	.			To	tal,	. +17	
Confirmed	l, -	-	•	•	- , .	- 8	

Communicants, 4 added, 1 died, 1 removed, present number 18. Repeated exertions have been made by the Rector to collect the baptized children of the parish, for the purpose of instructing them in the principles of the Church, which have been partially successful. The services of the Church are well attended; her friends remain firm and devoted, and her numbers gradually increase. Much praise is due to the ladies of the congregation for their exertions to promote the welfare of the Church. The quota of this congregation to the support of the Episcopate, has been collected by the efforts of two of the ladies of the parish, and forwarded to the Convention.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Rev. Joseph Pierson, Rector.

Baptisms, Adults,	•	-	-	•	5	
Childre	n,	•	-	-	30	
	-		Total,		35	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	5 L
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	40
Marriage, -	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials, -	-	-	• .	-	-	13

The state of this congregation is prosperous; they are attached to the services of the Church, and have a Sunday School of forty scholars.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	-	4	
Children,		•	-	-	25	
•			Total,		29	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	31
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Burials, -	-	-	-	-	-	9

The state of this congregation is improving. There is here a Sunday School of forty scholars.

TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, Adult, Children,	• "	-	•	-	1 5	
•			Total,		 6	
Confirmations,	-	••	-	·	-	12
Communicants,	_	-	•	-	-	14
Buriels -	-	•		•	-	1

ZION CHURCH	BEAUFORT	COUNTY.
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Baptisms, Adult,	-	-	-	-	1	
Children,		-	-	-	16	
			To	tal,		-17
Confirmations,	-	-	-	_	-	28
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Burials, -	•	-	_	-	_	4
This congregation manife	ats (great :	zeal.			

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	-	2	
Children,		-	-	•	11	
			To	tal,		— 13
Confirmations,	*	-	-	-	•	12
Communicants,	-	-	•	-	-	4
Burials, -	-	-	-	-	-	1
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This congregation was organized and has built a Church this year.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE, PITT COUNTY,

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	-	3	
Child,	-	•	-	-	1	
•			To	tal,		- 4
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	3
This congregation has be	een ju	st org	anize	d.		

Total, Ba	ptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	16
•	Childre	Children,			88
		•	T'o	tal,	104
Co	nfirmations,	-	-	-	134
	mmunicants,	-	_	-	84
	rials, -	-	-	-	28

CHRIST'S CHURCH, AND ST. LUKE'S, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector.

Baptisms,	St. Luke's, Salisbury, children	-	-	-	4
• .	Christ's Church, Rowan, 6 white	children,	1 colou	ıred,	7
	Calvary Church, Wadesborough,				
	3 white children, 7 coloured,	•	-	- [u

irmed, Calvary Church, -		_	_	-	٩	
St. Luke's	-	_	-	-	ī	
Christ's Church, -	-	-	-	-	13	
·						17
municants, Christ's Church,	-	-	•.	-	64	
St. Luke's,	-	-	•	•	11	
Calvary Church,	-	-	-	-	15	
•						90
ctions for the Bishop's salary,	Cal	vary (Churc	ch,	5 30	00
•	Chi	rist'a (Churc	h,	25	00
	St.	Luke	' 8,	•	15	00
					70	00
Tom the sentiment found						
For the continge	;BC 14	ııı,			15	00
					B 85	00

om April, 1825, to the close of that year, I officiated at Wadesigh, occasionally visiting Christ's Church and St. Luke's. muary I took charge of the congregations in Rowan county, ving five Sundays in the year for my former flock. In behalf members of Calvary Church I earnestly entreat the fosterare of our Bishop, and that something may be done for them, wible, by the Missionary Society. Our prospects in the parish Luke's, though not flattering, are as good, perhaps, as ought expected under existing circumstances. The brethren of it's Church, in general, are of one mind, and one spirit; and ing themselves in the old paths and the good way, will induce a also to follow in their steps. They have recently raised the of a new building, sixty feet by forty, which will soon be sed, and probably ready for the celebration of divine service tober or November next.

my way to Convention, I officiated at St. Jude's to a respeccongregation, and administered the sacrament of baptism to hild. I had some conversation with the members and friends: Church, who expressed an earnest desire for missionary ser-"If a minister could visit us," say they, "twice a month, a month, or even once in two months, it would rejoice our s, and we would do what we could towards his support."

motion it was then Resolved, That the above parochial rebe referred to the committee on the state of the Church. .: Maurice Waddell, a lay delegate from St. James' Church, nington, appeared and took his seat. certificate of lay delegation from St. John's Church, Wilborough, was presented, and Mr. John C. Taylor, the delemaned therein, was admitted to his seat. On motion, Resolved. That a committee be appointed to superintend the printing of 500 copies of the Journal during the present. session of the convention.

The Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason and Mr. Walker Anderson, were then appointed as the committee.

Convention adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on the follow-

ing morning.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Henry M. Mason, from Titus ii. 11.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer from the Bishop.

The report of the standing committee was presented.

REPORT.

The standing committee respectfully report, that during the setting of the last Convention they granted testimonials to be presented to the Bishop for the admission of Philip B. Wiley and James H. Otey, as candidates for orders; that they have subsequently granted testimonials in favour of Carolus C. Brainerd, James H. Otey and Phillip B. Wiley, as candidates for admission into the accord and or descense that they have, at different times. into the sacred order of deacons; that they have, at different times. recommended for priest's orders, the Rev. Joseph Pierson, the Rev. C. C. Brainerd, and the Rev. Henry M. Mason.

By order of the Standing Committee, ADAM EMPIE, President.

Mr. F. Hawks, the member from Christ's Church, Newbern, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Hogg. Resolved, That the minutes of this Convention be referred to a select committee for the purpose of revising the same, and that they report every morning.

Reselved. That the minutes as revised be read to the Convention every morning, before they be sent to the printer for publication.

The committee were then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr.

Pierson, and Messrs. Ruffin and Hogg.
On motion, Resolved, That the standing committee be now elected by ballot; and the following gentlemen were elected: Messrs. Empie and R. S. Mason, of the clergy, and Messrs. F. I. Hill, James S. Green, and Wm. H. Haywood, ir. of the laity. Mr. John W. Wright, a member from St. John's Church, Fay-

etteville, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wright, treasurer of the Convention, then made his annual report.*

* See Appendix D.

Convention then adjourned to attend divine service.

Morning service by the Rev. C. C. Brainerd, and a sermon by the Rev. John Avery, from 1 John v. 4.

After divine service, Convention again assembled for business.

The contributions in arrear to the contingent fund were next called for, and the following nayments made:

called for, and the following payments made:
St. John's Church, Fayetteville, - - 830 00
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, - - 15 00
St. Peter's Church, Washington, - 15 00
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, - 7 00
eight having been previously contributed.
St. John's Church. Williamsborough, - 4 00

On motion, Resolved, That the treasurer's report be referred to the select committee on the means for the support of the Episcopate.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the next Convention rules of order.

The President appointed the following gentlemen on this committee, viz. Rev. Mr. Empie, and Messrs. James S. Green and William Lord.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. C. C. Brainerd, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Thos. Wright, from Heb. vi. 11, 12; and a collection made in aid of the Missionary Society.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Bishop. The minutes of the preceding days were read and accepted.

Wm. Norwood, James S. Smith and Francis L. Hawks, from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of lay delegation from Christ's Church. Raleigh, for Wm. H. Haywood, jr. and George E. Badger, were presented, when those gentlemen appeared and took their seats.

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The Rev. C. C. Brainerd requested leave of absence, which was granted.

On motion, Mr. F. L. Hawks was added to the publishing committee and to the revising committee.

Mr. Empic's resolution was called up, and after some discussion was ordered to be laid on the table.

Convention then adjourned to attend divine service.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Pierson, from Titus iii. 5.

After service, Convention again assembled.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to

the election of delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. Avery, R. S. Mason, Green, and H. M. Mason, of the clergy, and Messrs. Josiah Collins, Gavin Hogg, Jeremiah Lippett and Walker Anderson, of the laity, were elected. Convention then adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock.

Convention assembled according to adjournment.

The resolution for fixing the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention was next called for, and it was Resolved, That the next Convention be holden at Newbern, on Thursday, the 17th of May. 1827.

The report of the committee on the state of the Church, was

then called.

REPORT.

The committee on the state of the Church, have little more to do than to refer their brethren of this Convention, and the diocese, to the Journal of our Bishop, and the satisfactory Parochial Reports of other ministers. From these, it appears that the labours of the clergy have been greatly blessed during the past Conventional year. Many have been gathered into the fold, believers have been confirmed and strengthened in the faith, and the work of God is still in progress.

Baptisms, since last April. and including Mr. Miller's report of 1825. 404, increase of communicants, 117, confirmed by the Bishop, 191. THOMAS WRIGHT.

The report of the committee was accepted.

On :notion, Resolved, That the treasurer's report be printed with the Journals.

John W. Wright was then unanimously re-elected treasurer.

On motion, Resolved, That the treasurer of the Convention, de, from time to time, invest in bank stock, all monies in the treasury not needed for a special purpose.
On motion. Resolved, That the board of managers of the Mis-

sionary Society be requested to report to this Convention the ope-

rations. condition and prospects of the same.

The report of the select committee was called for and presented as follows:

REPORT.

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Journal as relates to the episcopate fund, and to whom was also referred the treasurer's account, beg leave to report.

The committee, sensible of the great interest the Church has in the increase of the fund for the support of the episcopate, have given due attention to its present state. By an account marked A,* and herewith submitted, it appears that there has been a gain to the fund, after paying all expenses, of 452 dollars since last Cons vention: and that after deducting 195 dollars for the subscriptions of insolvents, and 110 dollars subscribed by the clergy, (which last deduction the committee beg leave to recommend,) there still remains a nett gain from last Convention of 147 dollars. The committee also recommend that the contributions from the several congregations be increased according to an estimate herewith submitted, marked B.† It is reasonable to expect that the payments will not be made according to the estimate, and it is, therefore, necessary to provide for any expected deficiency by raising the estimate above the true amount required. This is accordingly done in the estimate submitted; the amount of the contribution being 890 dollars, and the salary of the Bishop 750 dollars. If there be more than 750 dollars contributed, there will be no inconvenience, as the treasurer may be authorized by a resolution to vest all surplus money, at any time in the treasury, in bank stock.

The plan of last year, it is believed, was not fully understood by the congregations, and, therefore, most of the payments were deferred, in whole or in part, to the present Convention: the delegates, and particularly the clergy, would serve the Church by impressing it on the several congregations that the payments ought to be made to the treasurer as early after June, 1826, as possible.

The committee beg leave to observe, that there is a very large amount due on the subscriptions of 1823, 1824 and 1825, and that of 1826 will be due immediately. The fund has sustained a great loss of interest by deferred payment, and they recommend that the present agent be requested to proceed to collect the sums due, and which may fall due, without delay.

The committee have made an estimate of the contingent expenses for 1826-27, and a scheme for raising a fund to defray

them, marked C, t which is respectfully submitted.

The committee have examined the treasurer's report, and find it correct.

A. EMPIE, Chairman.

This report was accepted.

The following resolution and canon, offered by Wm. H. Haywood, jr. was referred to a select committe.

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the 8th section of the constitution of the Church.

[‡] SecAppendiz C₄ · See Appendix A. † See Appendiz B.

Resolved, farther, That it be referred to the same committee to inquire into the propriety of enacting a canon, which shall give to the Bishop a veto on the acts of the convention.

The committee appointed are, of the clergy, Messrs. Empie and

Avery; of the laity, Messrs. Ruffin, Haywood and Badger.

I'he trustees of the General Theological Seminary were nominated. viz. Messrs. Empie and Avery. of the clergy, and Messrs. Duncan Cameron and Josiah Collins, of the laity.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. Green be continued in his agency, to collect subscriptions for the support of the episcopate; and that he be authorized to appoint agents wheresoever he

may judge them to be necessary.

On motion. Resolved, unanimously. That the thanks of this Convention be given to Mr. J. W. Wright, for the care and exactness with which he has managed the pecuniary concerns of the Convention.

Mr. F Hawks, a delegate from Christ's Church, Newbern, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

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Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, at 7 o'clock, A. M.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason, from Psalms cxvi. 11, 12, 13. The rite of confirmation was administered to four persons.

The services of Sunday were commenced by the consecration of the Church recently erected, by the title of St. Matthew's Church. Morning prayer was then offered up by the Rev. Mr. Empie; a sermon from Eph. iv. 4. delivered, and the sacrament of the eucharist celebrated by the Bishop.

In the afternoon, divine service was performed by the Rev. Thos. Wright, and a sermon delivered by Rev. Adam Empie, from Mattvii. 13 14.

At night, prayers by the Rev. H. M. Mason, and a sermon by the Bishop, from Mat. xxii. 11, 12.

Monday, 7 o'clock, A. M

Convention met according to adjournment, when the minutes of Saturday were read. Duncan Cameron, a delegate from St. Marry's Chapel, having been prevented by indisposition from attending before, appeared and took his seat.

The committee, to which was referred an inquiry into the expediency of driving the 8th article of the constitution of the Church,

made the following report.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred an inquiry into the expediency of so altering the 8th article of the constitution of the

Church, as to provide against the lay delegates being required to vote by congregations, report, that a majority of the committee are of opinion, that each lay delegate should be entitled to a vote for himself, as it will by no means diminish the relative weight of the clergy in the councils of the Church, and will stimulate each Church to send a full delegation to the Convention; whereas, as the constitution stands, it is to the interest of a Church to send only one, though entitled to four delegates, for that one can vote effectually always, when the four may be divided and give no vote. Besides, your committee are satisfied that it greatly retards the progress of business to be obliged to call over the congregations by name, and ask their vote on every question, however unimportant. And your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the 8th article of the constitution be, and is hereby, repealed; and Resolved, farther, That the following be adopted in its stead: "In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body, and in voting, each member of the Convention shall have one vote; but if, in any case, it be required by two members, the orders shall vote seperately, and a concurrence in such case shall be necessary to

make a decision.

The report of the board of managers of the Missionary Society was then called for, when the following report was made.

REPORT.

In conformity with the resolution of this Convention, the board of managers of the Missionary Society present the following report of its operations, condition and prospects, under their respective heads.

Its operations have been confined to the endeavours to obtain missionaries, which have hitherto been unsuccessful. By correspondence through their president, application was made for persons suitably qualified, to direct their attention to this diocese; and information was given that remuneration, equivalent to forty dollars per month, the missionary providing for himself, would be assured. No application for employment has hitherto been made, which could with propriety be accepted. And it is believed, that such is the progressive state of the Church, throughout the United States, that no strong hope can be entertained, that help can be obtained in this way. The society, however, feel no disposition to relax their efforts to obtain missionaries, but are rather inclined to increase the remuneration hitherto offered, in the hope that higher inducement may attract more attention. The correspondence will be continued, and extended in every direction which can promise to be successful. The wants of all the dioceses, in this respect, are

nearly equal with our own; there is, therefore, no reason to expect that our want in this behalf will attract such attention as to give the society much choice in the employment of missionaries. And as they are regulated by the principle, that it is better that its funds should remain idle, than be expended in the employment of missionaries whose qualifications give no promise of efficacy; they trust, that this Convention, and the friends of the society, will see, in the adoption of this principle, increased grounds of confidence in the society, as careful managers and disposers of their charity, and be induced to continue that support, which will eventually render their operations profitable.

The condition of the society refers, it is presumed, to its presuniary concerns. These are comprised in the receipt and possession

of disposable funds to the amount of about 935 dollars.

These funds of the society are invested in public stock, and no difficulty, it is understood, will arise from this circumstance, in the immediate employment of missionaries, should such present themselves.

The prospects of the society cannot very easily be detailed. It lives in hope, that this severe want will yet be met by efficient help. But its main dependence is rather of a remote character. It is founded on the scholarships in the general seminary, endowed by the subscriptions of the members of the Church in this diocese, to that institution. As the Convention possesses the right of nomination to these scholarships, they possess the control of the services of those benefited by them. These they may direct to this very necessary and profitable end by a previous agreement, at once beneficial to the individual and to the diocese. And the board cannot refrain the expression of its opinion, that this circumstance will tend to enlarge the patronage given to the General Theological Seminary by this diocese.

That young men, from among our own population, will be raised up to enter the ministry, we may reasonably expect; that to some of them the aid of the scholarship will be of importance, and that through this aid, the diocese will obtain a right to their services, as missionaries, or the regular remuneration for such services, independent of the assistance given through the scholarship. To such men we may look with confidence for zealous exertion and permanent usefulness; and this, in connexion with its intrinsic importance to the Church, will give to the general seminary, it is hoped, increased favour in the regards of the members of the Church in this diocese, and induce the wealthy of our communion to patronize and promote its interests, with the full weight of their power and influence.

The officers of the society for the present year are as follows:

Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, President.
Dr. A. J. De Rossett,
Josiah Collins,
Moses Jarvis.
Rev. Joseph Pierson, Secretary.
Charles T. Haigh, Treasurer.
Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft,
Rev. Adam Empie,
Rev. Joseph Pierson,
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Rev. Henry M. Mason,
All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT.

On motion, it was unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention he tendered to the inhabitants of Hillsborough for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Convention; and that the Rev. Wm. Green be requested to give public notice of this resolution.

The Rt. Rev. President then delivered an Episcopal charge, which is herewith presented.

CHARGE.

My brethren of the Clergy and Laity,

The important interests to which your attention has been directed during the session of this Convention, are calculated to engage the most earnest endeavours, that the counsels agreed upon for the advancement of the Church, and the kingdom of the Redeemer, should be successful. But to this end, it is not only necessary that the measures directed by this body should be correct in principle, and required by the interests of the Church, but practically attainable, also, by the reasonable ability of the members. That such is the character of the resolutions you have now come to, must be evident to all who consider the magnitude of the objects to be attained, with the means which are at the reasonable disposal of the representatives of the Church.

Past experience, however, teaches us, that neither the necessity or the advantage of a particular measure, nor yet the ability to carry it into effect, are in themselves sufficient to ensure general cooperation. The Convention of the Church, though the proper representative of the particular congregations comprising it, and in fact a legislative body; yet, as it is clothed with no coercive power, is liable to find its best devised and best intended measures, paralized, if not altogether defeated, by the negligence or indifference of its constituents.

That this every way indefensible, and, if much louger continuad, most ruinous state of insubordination to the fundamental principle of all regularly associated bodies, is, in our particular case, my brethren, the consequence of inconsideration in some, and want of proper information in others. I am well persuaded, and am, therefore, induced to give my annual charge to the diocese such a direction as may tend to obviate this evil, by laying before the members of the Church such a plain, yet concise view of the popular nature of our frame of ecclesiastical government, as shall tend to engage and secure the ready concurrence and cooperation of all our members in favour of the measures agreed upon, either for particular or general good, by the regularly elected representatives of the particular congregations and of the diocese at large.

The first delegation of power and authority by the members individually, is that committed to the vestries of each particular conregation. These are bodies of men, varying in number according to the constitution of particular dioceses, but most commonly limitted to twelve, annually chosen by a majority of the votes of each particular congregation, and form, as it were, the legislative council of the parish or congregation by which they are elected. To the vestries it appertains to direct and transact the secular conns of the congregation; to assess and collect the pecuniary controutions required of the members; to appoint the delegates to the diocesan Conventions; to elect the church-wardens out of their own hody; and to act as counsellors and assessors with their clergyman, if required, in cases of discipline, and other matters of common concern. They are also required to keep a regular record of the members of the congregation, of the marriages, baptisms, and burials, in the parish or congregation, and to enter a statement of their proceedings at every meeting.

To the church-wardens it more especially belongs, to take care of the church buildings; of the communion plate, books and vestments; to provide the elements for the boly communion, at the common expense; to maintain order and decorum during public wership; and to regulate the necessary provision for the poor of the parish. It is their duty also, in the absence, or at the desire of the minister, to preside according to seniority of appointment, at all meetings of the vestry; to direct the entries to be made by the excretary according to the determination of the majority, to sign the proceedings of each meeting, and to certify all extracts from the records, particularly all certificates of delegation to the diocessa. Conventions.

From this brief view of the appointment and purpose of vestries, it must be evident, I think, that provision is made for the administration of parochial affairs upon the most popular model compatible with order and effect. The vestry men being themselves members of the congregation, must be intimately acquainted with the condition and circumstances of their constituents; and as they must themselves be affected, in a preportional degree, by the resolves of the

vestry, every security is obtained that nothing like oppression or injustice towards the rest of the members will be attempted. But even if such a case should occur, the congregation retains the remedy in their own hands, in the annual elections.

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The next delegation of power and authority from the members of the Church, is that which is exercised, mediately, through the vestries, in the appointment of lay delegates to the diocesau conventions.

These bodies are to the dioceses at large, what the particular vestries are to the several congregations composing them. The only difference between them being that which arises from the charge and management of general and particular interests, and the con-

sequently superior importance of their determinations.

To the diocesan conventions, and of course to this hody, as such, it appertains to consult and provide for the general interests of the diocese: to enact, amend, or repeal, canons, or laws ecclesiastical, for the regulation of the members at large; to elect the bishop; to appoint the standing committee, or council of advice for the bishop; to choose the clerical and lay delegates to represent the diocese in the triennial conventions of the general church in these United States; and to assess and regulate the pecuniary contributions which are required for the general interests. And as the particular vestrics are the organs through which the enactments of the diocesan conventions are carried into effect, so are the diocesan conventions also the organs whereby the general convention fulfils its still higher and more comprehensive duties. Through these, as links in the chain, the frame of our ecclesiastical government is compacted together by joints and bands which are essentially popular. It is based upon the will of the majority of the members, personally exercised, in the immediate election of the vestries, and it returns to them again in the annual control which they retain over those elections; and that they may act with judgment on their affairs, provision is made for their full information, by the public manner in which the conventions hold their sessions, and by the general dissemination of the annual journal of their proceedings.

With a frame of ecclesiastical government as directly assimilated to, and equally congenial with, the civil institutions of our country, as that of any other known religious denomination in it, Episcopalians may surely be permitted to express their sorrow, that so persevering an effort should have been made to impress upon the public mind the false and unfounded persuasion, that the principles of their government, and the tenets of their religious belief, are alike hostile to the free and happy institutions of this favoured land; and to indulge the hope, that both those who circulate, and those who receive, so injurious and uncharitable a misrepresentation, will at least take the pains to be more truly informed. As, however, this remainder of a most unhappy prejudice has been

widely spread and long entertained, I feel it due to the interests committed to me, to show farther, that in the administration of the frame of government adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, nothing contrary to the will of the indivi-dual members of the Church, expressed by a majority of their re-presentatives, can be forced upon them. Every bishop is elected by the votes of the clergy and laity of the diocese assembled in convention; every paster of a particular parish; and the vestry becalled to the charge by the vestry of the parish; and the vestry because decided by the ing elected by the members themselves, every precaution is take that as the whole is instituted for the common benefit, common as sent shall be the basis from which all necessary power and auti rity to administer the system with advantage and effect, shall spring. Nothing despotic, nothing unregulated by laws, passed by the representatives of the members of the Church, is admitted in the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Even the bishop is only an executive officer, restrained and directed by express canons in the exercise of the authority committed to him. The only absolute power possessed by him being that of a negative nature, and this confined to matters purely conscientious, such as the refusal to admit a candidate for ordination, although recommended by the examiners, as, in their judgment, qualified to receive orders, and cases of a like nature. A bishop can neither suspend, displace, or degrade a clergyman, otherwise than as the canons direct. Not can a clergyman exercise the discipline of the Church upon a communicant, except according to the rubrics and canons, and ultimately liable to the decision of the bishop, to whom, in every such case, an appeal lies.

Every security being thus taken against the oppressive exercise of the authority confided to the different officers who are appointed to administer its affairs, and no authority being conferred but what is absolutely necessary for the edification of the body, it should surely be a prevailing argument with Episcopalians, to respect and support their ecclesiastical constitution, by the observance of all the duties it imposes upon them.

And first, they owe to their own interest, to the credit and welfare of the Church, and to the advancement of true religion, a conscientious performance of their right and duty in the election of the members of the vestry. On this every thing may be said to depend, because to the vestries all subsequent measures for the year are referred. And not only is it a conscientious duty, that every member of the Church should personally attend on the annual election day, but that he should vote also for those persons who, for their piety, their standing in public estimation, and other qualifi-

cations combined, give the best assurance of a faithful and profitable performance of the trust committed to them. In electing these men, respect should be had, in the first place, to their standing as christians; a christian body should surely be represented by christians. In truth, it is desirable, that in every case the representatives of the Church should be communicants. But as this, unhappily, is not in all cases possible, it is therefore not insisted upon. aor is any particular congregation, or the Church at large, debarred, by any regulation, from the services of those friendly laymen, whose orderly lives, and respect for religion, encourage the happy

hope that they are not far from the kingdom of God.

Secondly, they owe it to conscience and to consistency, to obey the regulations, and carry into effect the lawful resolutions and enactments of their representatives. As the members of a particular Church are morally bound by the acts of their vestry; so are all the congregations in a diocese, equally bound by the acts of their Convention; and all the Conventions of this country by the acts of the General Convention of this Church. And the ground of this obligation is plain and obvious. As the individual members are bound by every principle of right reason to perform the duties and fulfil the engagements, growing out of the lawful acts of their immediate representatives; so are these also in the same manner, equally bound by the lawful acts of their immediate representatives, up to the highest judicatory known to the Church.

From this very brief but just statement of the popular principle upon which the frame of our ecclesiastical government is founded, the members of the Church in this diocese. I trust, will be induced to pay more attention to the election of their immediate representatives, and feel that the carelessness and indifference, too frequently manifested as to this duty, is, in fact, a surrender at once of private and public obligation, and a mark of great laxity of principle,

both as churchmen and christians.

As an additional and very powerful reason to give to the whole of this subject the serious consideration its real importance demands, I would remark, that as the whole power possessed by the administrative bodies of the Church is of a moral nature, and dependant for its effect on the influence of this principle over the members, all unnecessary neglect of the personal duties consequent on the right of election by them, of the relative duty of representatives, with all refusal to carry into effect the decisions of the vestries and conventions, is so far, very conclusive proof of the weakness of the moral principle, of indifference to the interests of religion, and of disregard for the only just and safe ground on which either civil or religious liberty can be maintained, viz. submission to the will of the majority, constitutionally declared.

Let not, then, the Church of which we are happily members, have to take up the reproach of her great Founder and Head, as expressed by the prophet Isaiah, "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me." Our nursing mother appeals to us for support; let us not prove ourselves unnatural

children by devouring the breasts which we have sucked, and refusing the support and defence which our spiritual parent requires in the day of her need. She has given all to her children; she has reserved nothing for herself, but the comfort and consolation which springs from unfeigned love and devoted attachment in them, grounded on the irrefragible testimony of heaven and earth united in favour of her divine origin and saving purpose, as held and maintained by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States.

Resolved, unanimously, That the clergy be required to read the Episcopal Charge delivered to the Convention, to their respective congregations on some suitable occasion of public worship.

There being no other business before the house, the Convention then adjourned sine die, concluding with prayer by the Bishop.

APPENDIX

A.

State of the Episcopal Fund.

Balance of subscriptions due from	1st June, 189	3, -	\$ 106	00
Ditto ditto	1st June, 182	4, -	380	00
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Amount which will be due from	n subscription	s on 1st	t	
	. :		1,485	00
Amount of ditto which will be due	e 1st Jane, 1,4	91 dolls.	•	
less interest for one year, 89 do			1,402	00
Fifteen shares of stock of the Stat		, -	1,500	00
Amount of small subscriptions of				
'23, '24, '25, '26, '27,			175	00
Amount due the treasurer on cont		ntingent	;	
expenses, and not needed during			224	00
Cash in the hands of the treasure				
ing to his account,	- · -	-	414	00
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			6,685	00
Deductions, amount of fund as repo	orted to last cor	vention,	6,203	00
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	Total gain,		452	00
Further deductions recommended-				
Subscriptions of clergy, -		110 00	•	
Subscriptions of persons who	have become			
insolvent,		195 00		
·			305	00
	Nett gain,	•	147	00

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Sums to be paid by the Congregations to the support of the Episcapate on 1st June, 1826.

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St. James' Church, Wilmington,	-	•	-	-	B 110	00
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	-	-	- 🛩	-	110	90
St. Paul's Church, Edenton, -	•	-	-	-	110	00
Christ's Church, Newbern, -	_	_	_ `	_	110	80
Christ's Church, Raleigh	-	_			70	
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborong	h ar	18 h	Mary	,,,		
St. Jude's Churches. Orange cou	int o	.u pt.	-	-	70	00
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Chi			L 1	_ D		vv
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Church, Lexington, White Haver						••
St. Peter's Church, Lincoln cour	nty, :	and S	it An	irew	's (• •
Church, Burke county, -	<u> -</u>	-	-	-	70	00
St. Peter's, Washington, St. Thoma	s's, I	Bath,	and T	'rinit	y	
and Zion Churches, Beaufort cou	unty,	-	-	-	70	00
St. John's Church, Williamsboroug	zh.	-	-	-	35	90
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	_	•	-	_	3 5	00
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	•	_	-	_	20	
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	_	_	_	_	20	-
Grace Chapel, Pitt county, St. Ma	rk'a	Chur	ch H	alifa		•
St. Matthew's Church, Kingston,						
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Contingent Expenses, from 1st June, 1826, to 1st June, 1827.

For printing Journals, &c. for	r Conv	entio	n at H	illsbo	rough.	70	00
For Episcopal visitations,	•	-	-	-	•	100	00
For General Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	10	00
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					2	180	00

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Contributions to Contingent Fund for 1826 and 1827.

St. James' Church, Wilmington	n,	-	•	-	-	25	00
Christ's Church, Fayetteville,	-	-	-	-	-	25	00
Christ's Church, Newbern,	-	-	-	-	_	25	00
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	- '	-	-	-	-	25	00
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	-	-	-	-	-	10	00
St. Matthew's. Hillsborough, a	nd Cl	nurche	es in (Drang	e.	10	00
St. Luke's, Salisbury, and Chr	ist's (Churc	h. Ro	wan.	, ,	10	00
St. Peter's Church, Washington					ort.	10	00
St. John's Church, Williamsbo			-	-	- ′	5	00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton		_	-	_	-	5	00
Calvary Church, Wadesboroug		-	-	-	-	5	00
Christ's Church, Elizabeth Cit		-	-	_	-	10	00
Grace Chapel, Pitt county. St. ston. Union Church, Waynes	Mattl						
Milton, together, -	-	-	-	-		15	00
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FUND FOR THE EPISCOPATE, Dr. 1825. May 31. To draft of Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft on J. W. Wright, treasurer, fayour of S. Haywood, for half year salary to 1st June, 1825, 375 00 Sept. 30. To this sum paid by G. Hogg, esq. to Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, in part of salary due 1st Dec. 1824, being contribution to this fund from Christ's Church. Raleigh, credited as 60 00 Bank of N. C. bought of J. A. Cameron, Dec. 21. To draft of J. S. Ravenscroft on J. W. Wright 1500 00 favour of M. B. Wilkings, in part of salary due 1st Dec. 1825. 33 87 26. To ditto on ditto favour of S. Haywood, in full 1826. of salary due 1st Dec. 1825, 281 13 May 3. To cash paid to J. S. Ravenscroft by Rev. Mr. Pierson, in part of salary to 1st June, 1826, as per letter of J. S. Ravenscroft, 50 00 15. To balance on hand carried to credit of this fund in new account, 254 18

in	account with J. W. WRIGHT, Treasurer.	Cr	•
6.	By balance on hand per statement rendered to the Convention of 1825,	673	5 2
0.	By cash from Rev. Wm. M. Green, agent, for so much collected b him for this fund, re-	0, 0	33
	ceived by hands of Mr. J. Lippett. By cash from St. Paul's Church. Edenton. for contribution to this fund for the year 182,	651	00
	received by Mr. J. Lippett By ditto from St. James' Church, Wilmington,	100	00
	for ditto	60	OΩ
	By ditto from Zion Chapel. Beaufort, for ditto	12	
3.	By ditto from Rev. Wm. M. Green, agent, for so much collected by him, received by Mr. John	12	UU
	Huske,	400	00
3.	By ditto from Rev. R. S. Mason, for contribu- tion to this fund for the year 1826, from		
).	Christ's Church, Newbern, By contribution to this fund from Christ's	27	00
	Church, Raleigh, for the year 1826, paid by		
	G. Hogg, esq. to Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft,		
	whose receipt is charged on debtor side of this	•	
	account	60	00
5.	By cash from Rev. Wm. M. Green, for collec-		
	tions by him as agent	87	00
	By ditto from ditto for contribution to this fund	٠.	•
	for the year 1826, from St. Mary's Chapel,		
	Orange county,	13	OΘ
	By dividend of 4 per cent. on \$1,500, received	-	•
	from State Bank of N. C	60	OΩ
7	By cash from Rev. Wm. M. Green, for collec-	v	UU
٠	tions by him as agent, received with his let-		
	ter of the 8th	200	OΩ
7	By ditto from ditto for ditto, with ditto of the 18th,	160	
	by ditto paid to Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, by	100	00
	Rev. Mr. Pierson, being contribution to this		
	fund from St. Peter's Church, Washington.		
	for the year 1826,	5()	00

Dr.	CONTINGENT FUND,		
1825. April	To cash paid by J. Lippett to Rev. R. S. Mason for balance due to Pasteur & Watson for print ing in 1824, per receipt of R. S. Mason,	-	64
Aug. 6.	To ditto paid to E. J. Hale for printing 500 co		
Nov. 2.	pies of Journals of 1825, per receipt. To draft of Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft on J. W		00
2.01. 2.	Wright, treasurer, fayour of S. Haywood, in	n.	
	part of expenses of episcopal visitations, -	81	49
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butions made to this fund at the convention	
by St. James Church, Wilmington,	30 00
Christ's Church, Newbern	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Edenton, -	30 00
Christ's Church, Raleigh	15 00
St. Jude's Chapel. Orange county,	8 00
Grace Chapel, Pitt county, -	5 00
St. Matthew's Church, Kinston,	5 00
. St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	2 00
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28. By dividend of 4 per cent. on \$700 received fr	
State Bank of N. C	
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Fayetteville, May 15th, 1826.

J. W. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

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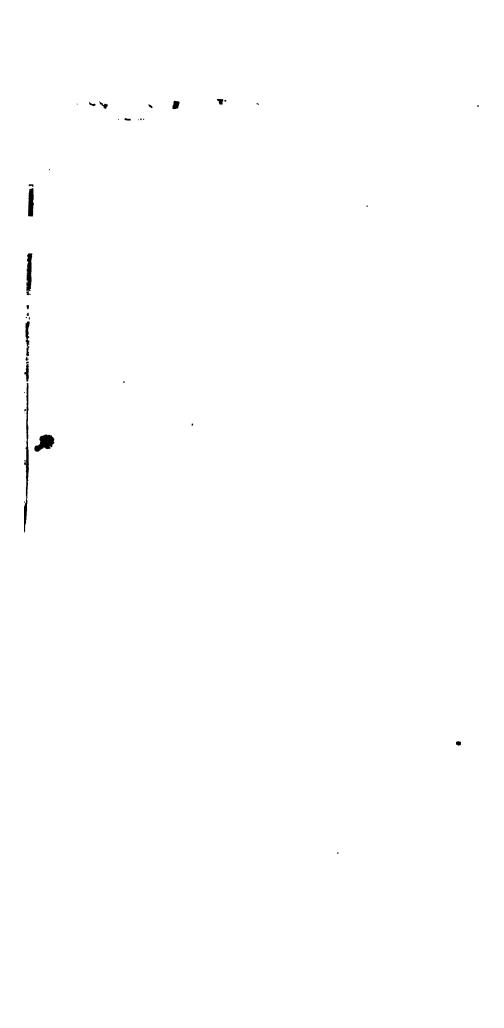
HOLDEN IN

Christ's Church.

Newbern,

On Thursday, May 17th, Friday, May 18th, Saturday, May 19th, and Monday, May 21st,

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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

Right Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, D. D. ex-officio President. Rev'd. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Rev'd. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev'd. George W. Freeman, Deacon.

Rev'd. William M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, and St. Mary's, Orange County.

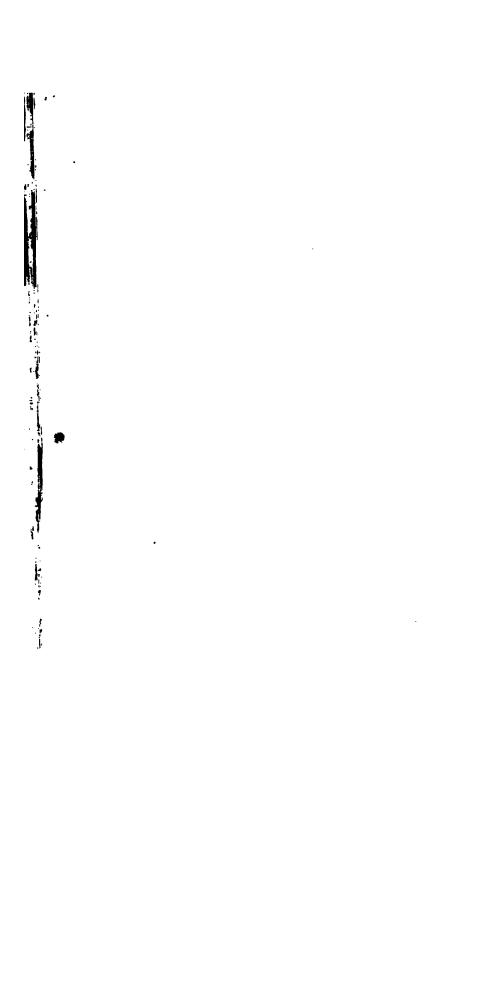
Rev'd. R. S. Masou, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern. Rev'd. H. M. Mason, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev'd. P. B. Wiley, Deacon. Rev'd. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's, Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan County.

The Rev'd. R. J. Miller, and the Rev'd. E. Brainerd, were not present at the sessions of the Convention.

LAITY.

Gavin Hogg, Christ's Church, Raleigh. Dr. James F. McRea, George W. B. Burgwyn, (St. James's Church, Wilming-Levin Lane, ton. Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Hon. John R. Donnell, Christ's Church, Newbern. Hon. John H. Bryan, Francis Hawks, Abner P. Neale, St. Peter's Church, Washington. James H. Norwood, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. Francis L. Hawks, Stephen L. Ferrand St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Shadrack P. Allen, St. James's Church, Greenville. Samuel W. Lucas, William E. Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County. Jarvis B. Buxton, Zion Chapel, Beaufort County. Benjamin Patrick, Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, Jesse B. Bryan, St. Thomas's Church, Bath.



journal.

Newbern, Thursday, May 17th, 1827.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in the Church for the purpose of organizing: the Right Reverend John S. Ravenscroft, D. D. acting as President, and the Reverend Richard S. Mason, as Secretary protempore.

The list of the Clergy was called over, and the fol

lowing were found to be present:

Rev'd. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Rev'd. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev'd. George W. Freeman, Deacon.

Rev'd. William M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev'd. Richd. S. Mason, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern. Rev'd. Philip B. Wiley, Deacon of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.

Rev'd. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salis-

bury.

The certificates of Lay Delegation were then presented, and the following gentlemen were admitted to seats as Members of the Convention:

Abner P. Neale, St. Peter's Church, Washington. Samuel W. Lucas, St. James's Church, Greenville.

Francis L. Hawks, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, when the Rev. Richard S. Mason was elected.

On motion, it was Resolved, that an Assistant Secretary be appointed; and Francis L. Hawks was duly elected.

The Convention being thus organized, adjourned to attend Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was performed by the Rev'd. Thomas Wright, and a Sermon preached by the Rev'd. William M. Green, from Ephes. I. part of 21. and 22. Verses.

After Divine Service, the Convention assembled for business, when the following gentlemen produced certificates of delegation, and were, on motion, admitted to seats as members of the Convention, viz:

Dr. Stephen L. Ferrand, from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

Hon John R. Donnell, And John H. Bryan, from Christ's Church, Newbern. Dr. James F. McRea,

George W. B. Burgwyn, [from St. James's Church, Wil-Levin Lane, mington. Dr. Thomas H. Wright,

William E. Anderson, from St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.

James H. Norwood, a delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and Eli Hoyt, from St. Peter's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took their seats.

The Right Rev'd. President then read the following

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My Reverend and Lay Brethren of the Convention,

THAT I am again permitted to meet the Representatives of the Church, in their annual session, and to join my counsels with yours, for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the spiritual welfare and prosperity of the Diocess, is to me a source of high g atification, and of encreased thankfulness to Him, under the direction of whose wise and good Providence, all things are ordered for the fulfilment of his purposes of mercy and admonition to his creatures.—It has been an eventful year, to this portion of the Lord's vineyard, my brethren, and one full of anxiety to myself; and demands from all, such a review of the improvement or neglect of the divine goodness, both individually and collectively, as shall lead to an amended and more faithful application of the talents committed to our trust. This, I hope, we all come prepared to engage in, with an eye single to the glory of God; for, only as this is the predominant principle of our conduct, are we authorised to expect His bles-

"without whom, nothing is strong, nothing is holy,"from whom alone, "all holy desires, all good counsels, and

just works do proceed."

That you may enter upon this very serious and responsible ty, with the greater advantage, I proceed to lay before you, border, the course of my official services and observations on the affairs of the Diocess, during the past conventional year.

My first visit was directed to the northern section of the Diocess, and on the 19th of August, I officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, assisted by the Rev. William Green, from Hillsborough, and by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, the pastor of the congregation. Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Green; after which, I preached to a small, but attentive congregation. In the evening, prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Green.

On Sunday, the 20th, the services in the forenoon, were adapted to the particular occasion of Mrs. Sneed's funeral, an aged lady and a communicant of the Church, recently deceased. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd; after which, I preached on the occasion, and concluded the service at the

grave.

In the afternoon, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green—the ante-communion service, by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd; after, which, I confirmed two persons—preached to a large and engaged congregation, and administered the holy communion to about thirty communicants.

On the 23rd of August, I proceeded to Warrenton; and on the 26th, according to previous notice, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr Brainerd; after which, I confirmed one person, and preached to a small, but serious audience.

Sunday the 27th, divine service was performed by the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, of Elizabeth City—who met me here the day before; after which, I preached to a numerous congregation, and, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd and Mr. Wiley, administered the holy communion to the members of the Church, and to several of other denominations.

In the afternoon, the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley.

From the information obtained during this visit, I learn that considerable dissatisfaction prevails, particularly among the members of St. John's Church, at the small proportion of his time, which their pastor allots to them, in the way of private intercourse. This is acknowledged by Mr. Brainerd to be the case, and his excuse is, the necessity he is at present under, and unforeseen by him, of giving his whole time, as a teacher, in a large seminary for female education, which his family have established in this place—he assures me, however, it is only a temporary necessity, which he is exerting himself to remove, and hopes speedily to accomplish.—From Warrenton, I returned to Raleigh, and arrived there on the 29th.

My next visit being directed to the congregations in the county of Orange and of Caswell, I left R deigh on the 11th of Sept., and proceeded to St. Jude's, where I performed divinc

service, and preached on the forenoon of the 12th, to a small collection of the neighbourhood.

On the 12th, service was again performed, and a sermon

preached to a larger congregation.

The prospects of the Church, in this section of the Diocess, at no period promising, are not less favourable than heretofore. There is, however, no accession to their original numbers, nor any prospect of increase. Their sole dependance for the services of the Church, is on occasional visits from some of our clergy, which are very rare; and on my annual visit to them, which is necessarily short, and confined, as to opportunities of private intercourse. Notwithstanding this unfavourable state of things however, I am gratified in being able to state, that the attachment of the members to the Church, appears to be more and more confirmed, as they have obtained a clearer knowledge of her character. These, however, are fast declining into the vale of years, and there can be but small expectation of retaining their families steadfast in their profession, without more frequent opportunities for religious instruction, than they at present possess.

On the 14th, I left St. Jude's, for Milton, in Caswell county, and on Saturday, the 16th, performed divine service, and preached both in the forenoon and afternoon, in the Academy, to a small but attentive congregation.

Sunday, the 17th, performed divine scrvice, preached, and administered the holy communion to eleven persons, in the forenoon, the house filled, and the congregation still and attentive.

In the afternoon, I again read prayers—baptised an infant,

and preached to a smaller collection of people.

The condition of this part of my charge, remains without any visible improvement. The members and friends of the Church are few in number, do not feel themselves competent to maintain a clergyman, and from their remote situation, can rarely obtain the services of any of our clergy. The Rev. Mr. Green, who is the nearest, visits them generally on the five Sundays in the year, for which they express themselves very grateful. And so far as I am able to judge, and from their own declarations, they continue to retain that preference for our communion, which led them at first to organise, and to request to be received into union with the Church in this Diocess; but it is a melancholy fact, that there is not one male, and but two female communicants belonging to the congregation, within my knowledge.

After remaining some days in the neighbourhood of Milton, I left it on the 22d, and proceeded to Judge Cameron's; being my next appointment—where, on Saturday the 23rd, I performed divine service, and preached in the chapel built by that Gen-

tleman, near his dwelling house, to a thin congregation, the day being rainy.

Sunday, the 24th, proved a very wet day. The Rev Mr. Green, nevertheless, arrived from Hillsborough, and performed the morning service; after which, I preached and administered the holy communion, to about fifteen persons, white and coloured,—not more than a third of whom, belong to our communion.

My next appointment being at St. Mary's chapel, on the 27th, Divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green; after

which, I preached to a small congregation.

On the 28th, Mr. Green again read prayers—during which, I confirmed two persons; then preached, and administered the holy communion to twelve communicants; after which, I went on to Hillsborough.

On Friday evening, the 29th, I returned at the house of Mr.

Spier, where a respectable company was assembled.

Saturday, Sept. 30th, divine service was performed in the forenoon, in St. Matthew's Church, by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a sermon preached by myself; and at night, the services were repeated, and in the same order.

Sunday, Oct. 1st, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Green; during which, I confirmed three persons; afterwards I preached, and administered the communion to the usual number of communicants. The orderly and devout deportment of this congregation, manifests the deep interest which is felt for the cause of Christ.

In the evening, the services were resumed, when I again preached to a very serious and attentive people; and on the next

day, returned to Raleigh.

Having received the requisite testimonials from the Standing Committee of the Diocess, in behalf of Mr. George W. Freeman, a candidate for orders, and having obtained the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Green, and the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, in his previous examination, I admitted the said George W. Freeman into the holy order of Deacons, on Sunday, Oct. 8th, in the Episcopal Chapel, Raleigh. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Green, a sermon preached by myself, and the holy communion administered.

The time appointed for the meeting of the General Convention drawing near, I conceived it my duty to attend it; and that my very limited time for the duties of the Diocess, might be husbanded as much as possible, I determined on taking my route through the lower country, that I might visit as many of the Churches, as could be brought within the time, both in going and returning. On the 16th of October, therefore, I left Raleigh and proceeded to Tarborough, where, on the evening of

the 17th, at the request of some of the inhabitants, I performed divine service, and preached to a small collection of people.

The prospects which the Church once had in this place, have declined so far, that no reasonable expectation of its revival should be entertained.

From Tarborough I proceeded to Windsor, where, on the forenoon of the 19th, I performed divine service, and preached in the Court-house, to a large collection of people for that place; and again, in the evening, at the request of the inhabitants.—Though as yet we have no regular congregation in this town; yet have we many friends: nowhere is the Liturgy more appropiately followed in the responses, or with more apparent interest in its sublime aspirations, and the truths of the Gospel listened to, with more earnest attention.

On the next day, I proceeded to Edenton, crossing the sound at Webb's ferry, and on the 21st, met the congregation in St. Paul's Church, for the services of the day. Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Avery; after which, I preached—and at the conclusion of the services, administered the sacrament of holy baptism to Turner Wilson, a qualified adult, by immersion, in Edenton Bay—this mode being preferred by him, and readily assented to by me, both as scriptural, and authorised by the Rubric. The ceremony was witnessed by a goodly number of spectators; and it is greatly to be wished, that such calls were more frequent upon our clergy, which ever mode shall be preferred for its administration.

Sunday, the 22, morning prayer was offered by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason, of Newbern, who joined me at this place; after which I confirmed two persons, preached, and administered the holy communion.

In the afternoon, divine service was performed by myself, after which, the Rev'd. Mr. Mason preached.

Tuesday, the 24th, evening prayers were read by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason, after which, I preached to a small audience.

The congregations are not as numerous as is usual for this place, which is accounted for by the absence of some, and the indisposition of others, at this early period of the autumn, but they are as serious and attentive as I have ever found them.

On the 25th, I proceeded to Hartford, accompanied by the Rev'd. Mr. Avery, who performed the morning service, after which, I preached in the court-house to a small collection of the inhabitants and neighbourhood.

In the evening, the service was performed by the Rev'd. Mr. Wingfield, of Virginia, who had travelled from Portsmouth to meet me at this place; after which, I preached to nearly the same number of people,

There are in this place a few persons favourably inclined to the Church, to whose edification the Rev'd. Mr. Avery dev. tes a part of his time; and the hope is entertained, that his labour has not been without effect.

On the 26th, I passed on to Elizabeth City, and on the evening of the 27th, performed diviue service in the academy; after which, the Rev'd. Mr. Mason preached. The next day, Mr. Mason and Mr. Avery left me, in order to be in time for the steam boat at Norfolk—their business requiring them to be in Philadelphia some days before the meeting of the General Convention.—The services intended for the evening of the 28th, were prevented by a heavy fall of rain.

Sunday, the 29th, morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, in the Court-house; after which, I confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the holy communion to fourteen persons, mostly members of the Church in this place. In the evening, prayers were again read by the Rev. Mr. Wing-

field, and a sermon preached by myself.

From the numerous and attentive congregations which waited upon our ministrations in this place, it is evident that the cause of religion, and the interests of the Church, are gaining ground. A lot is purchased, and engagements entered into, for the erection of a Church; and though the number of members is comparatively small, yet as they are men of information and influence, and manifest an affectionate interest in the cause of Christ, there is good hope, that the divine blessing will enable them to fulfil their pious intentions; and before long, to free their pastor from the extra labour of the charge of the academy.

On the 30th, I left Elizabeth City, and, with the interval of a few days, spent in Portsmouth and Baltimore, proceeded to Philadelphia, where I arrived on the morning of the 7th, and attended the meetings of the General Convention, in St. Peter's

Church, in that city.

Of the proceedings of that body, it is unnecessary that I should enter into any detail—seeing the journals are published and distributed. My duty being contined to calling your attention to the propositions submitted to the different state Conventions, on an abridgement of specified parts of the daily service at the discretion of the officiating minister; and on removing an ambiguity said to exist in a particular Rubric, all of which will be laid before you.

My next appointments in the Diocess, being with the congregations left destitute by the lamented death of the Rev. Mr. Pierson.—I left Philadelphia on the 20th of November, by way of Baltimore, Norfolk, Elizabeth City, and Edenton; at which last place, I officiated on the evening of the 29th, and arrived

in Washington, on the 1st December.

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, performed divine service, and preached both morning and evening, in St. Peter's Church.

Sunday, the 3rd, divine service was performed in the forenoon; after which, I confirmed two persons, preached, and administered the holy communion to upwards of forty communicants, members of the Church, one new communicant being that day added.

In the evening, the services were repeated. The Church was filled both morning and evening, and the people much affected by the occasion—heightened no doubt by the recollection of him who was at all times so prompt to perform his duty, and so zealous for their spiritual advancement.

A day of heavy rain prevented the fulfilling my appointment at Zion Chapel, on Monday.

On the 5th, I lest Washington for Bath, accompanied by Mr. Buxton. The services intended for the forenoon of this day, were obliged to be postponed to the asternoon, on account of a battalion muster. They were then performed, and a sermon preached to a small congregation.

On the 6th, I crossed the sound in a canoe to Durham's creek, a distance of eight miles; where I performed divine service, and preached in St. John's Church, to a small collection of the neighbourhood. In the evening I returned to Bath.

On the 7th, left Bath for Washington: on the evening of which day, I performed divine service, and preached in St. Peter's Church.

Dec. the 8th, met the congregation of Trinity Chapel, where I performed divine service, preached, and administered the holy communion, to the usual number of members, with some from St. Peter's. Since my last visit, the people have repaired the Chapel and made it much more convenient in its interior arrangements.

On the 9th, I arrived in Greenville, where I performed divine service and preached in the academy, in the evening, to the inhabitants of the place.

Sunday, the 10th, morning prayer was offered, and a sermon preached to a large congregation—a few only joined in the service; but all appeared attentive to the truths preached to them.

During my visit to this very interesting portion of the Diocess, the chief object of solicitude to them, and to me, was, the procurement of a person to supply the heavy loss they have sustained in the death of their late pastor: on this I found them all intent; and having ascertained from the different Vestries, the amount of salary which might be depended on, measures were taken to secure the services of a clergyman, recommended to them by myself—of whose acceptance of the call, I was very

sanguine; but in which we have both been disappointed. Exertions however continue to be made, but with what success I am not informed.

On the 11th, I left the neighbourhood of Greenville, and

reached Raleigh the next day.

Having a spare Sunday, by reason of an appointment of the Rev. Mr. Green to officiate in Raleigh on the first Sunday in January, I took that opportunity to visit the congregations in Warrenton and Williamsborough—also left destitute, by the visitation of God, in the death of their valued and useful pastor, the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd.

I left Raleigh accordingly, on the 3rd of January, reached Warrenton the next day, and having spent the intermediate time in intercourse with the members, we assembled at the Church on the 6th, when divine service was performed, and a sermon preached to a small congregation, occasioned by the uncommon severity of the weather.

On Sunday, the 7th, divine service was again performed by myself, a sermon preached, and the holy communion administered. The congregation was more numerous, and all the members were present at the communion, a few infirm persons excepted, who were detained at home by the severe cold.

I find this congregation somewhat depressed by the loss they have sustained; but steadfast in their attachment to the Church, and so sensible of the benefit of regular ministrations in religion, that they have come to the conclusion to procure a clergyman, if possible, whose whole time shall be devoted to them. To that end they have increased their subscription, and authorised me to procure a suitable person to take charge of the congregation. In this, however, I have been hitherto unsuccessful; nor is there any present prospect of a supply to this want.

On the 9th, I proceeded to Williamsborough, where the services intended for the next day, were disappointed through a misapprehension of the notice forwarded to them, on the 11th-however, which, proved a day of snow and rain, we assembled at St. John's Church, where I performed divine service, preached, and administered the holy communion to the few communi-

cants who were present, not exceeding ten.

The situation of this congregation is at present rendered very supleasant, and in no small degree precarious, by the determination of the Warrenton congregation to maintain a clergy-man for themselves. The two have hitherto united, and formed one charge; to which they are competent without any severe pressure upon their pecuniary means. Upon the present plan I can see no prospect of advantage to either, but of certain loss to one, perhaps to both. I have therefore proposed to the Vest-

ry of Emmanuel Church, to reconsider their resolution, and return again to their former relation with St. John's, as the most likely means to secure the real welfare of both the congregations. To this proposition I have as yet received no answer. The Vestry of St. John's, however, have not abandoned the hope, or the desire, to secure the services of a clergyman; and have requested me to embrace the earliest opportunity of supplying their wants.

On the 12th, I left Williamsborough, much indisposed from exposure to the severe weather, and arrived in Raleigh the following day. My indisposition, however, continued gradually to increase, until I was rendered incapable of any active exertion through the greater part of the months of February and March and my intended visit to the western churches wholly precluded.

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While labouring under the effects of this illness, I received the very unexpected intimation, that the Rev'd. Henry M. Mason intended to resign his charge of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and on the 19th of March, I received a copy of his letter of resignation, from and after the meeting of this Convention, with a copy of a minute of vestry, accepting the same; so that that congregation is also vacant, and with no immediate prospect of being supplied.

My indisposition having yielded to the means made use of to counteract it, and sufficient strength being restored, by the goodness of God, to enable me to travel without inconvenience, I leit Raleigh on the 25th April, in order to visit such congregations as were yet unattended to, and lay in my route to attend

this Convention.

The Church in Fayetteville was the first, where I arrived on the 26th, and on the 28th, after the performance of divine service was performed by the Rev'd. Mason, I preached in the evening to a very attentive, but not a numerous congregation.

Sunday, the 29th, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason, after which, I confirmed two persons, and preached to a most respectable, and, apparently, engaged audience.

In the afternoon, the services were resumed, and a sermon again preached to the congregation.

Monday, the 30th, evening prayer was performed by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason; after which, I preached a sermon to a small, but attentive collection of the members of the Church.

The situation of this congregation at present, is particularly irksome. The resignation of their present pastor, coupled as it is with the recollection of how frequently they have had to encounter the difficulty and the delay of procuring a person to take charge of their spiritual concerns, has thrown a damp

Over their feelings, which a sense of duty only can counteract. Upon this they are at present acting, in endeavouring to obtain a clergyman, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the approaching departure of the Rev'd Mr. Mason, equally unexpected by them and by myself. In this, I trust they will be successful, though, hitherto, they have found no one disposed to undertake the charge. In other respects, I have reason to believe, that the condition of the congregation is favourable, that the principles of the Church are better understood, and attachment to those principles increased; and though no strong excitement of religious feeling has been manifested—yet considerable interest has been shewed in favour of the Sunday School connected with the Church, and in spreading among the young and the ignorant, to whom access could be obtained, the saving truths of our holy religion.

May, the 1st, I took leave of Fayetteville, and proceeded on on my route to Wilmington, where I arrived on Friday, the 3d; and on the 4th, after evening prayer by the Rev. Mr. Empie, I preached to a small, but devout collection of the people.

On the 5th, evening prayer was again performed by the Rev'd. Mr. Empie, after which, I again preached to a similar

congregation.

After candle-light, I attended the weekly prayer meeting of the congregation, held this night at the house of Mr. Wright, where I read prayers, and preached a sermon to a large collection of people in the room, and in the piazzas of the house.

Sunday, the 6th, morning prayer was offered up by the Rev'd. Mr. Empie; after which, I confirmed twenty one persons, ten whites and eleven coloured persons; preached and administered the holy communion to upwards of one hundred communicants.

In the afternoon the services were repeated, and in both instances to a numerous and deeply engaged people.

Monday, the 7th, evening prayers were read by the Rev. Mr.

Empie, and a sermon preached by myself.

Much satisfaction has been experienced in my visit to this large and increasing congregation. The personal attachment of the members to their pastor—their attainments in christian knowledge and experience—their active exertions to communicate religious instruction by means of their Sunday School and catechetical classes, with the number of orderly and respectable coloured communicants, denote such an earnest and zealous engagement for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom, as was highly gratifying and refreshing to my spirit, and speaks a language not to be mistaken, as to the diligence and faithfulness of bim, who is entrusted with their spiritual interests.

On the 8th, I left Wilmington for Newbern, where I arrived on the 11th, and on the 12th, met the congregation for divine service, which was performed by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason, and a sermon preached by myself to a very attentive, though not numerous audience.

Sunday the 13th, morning prayer was offered by the Rev'd. Mr. Mason; after which, I confirmed two persons and preached to a full congregation.

In the afternnon, divine service was performed by the Rev'd. Mr. Freeman, and a sermon preached by myself—and on Tuesday the 15th, the service and a sermon were again repeated to such of the members of the Church, as their business, and a rather unfavourable morning, permitted to attend.

So far as my own observation enables me to judge, and information has been obtained, the situation of this congregation is favourable and improving; the services on Sunday, were numerously attended, and engaged in with interest, and on the week days, as respectable congregations were convened, as is customary in any of our commercial towns.

Having thus detailed to their close the course of my official duties since the last Convention, it remains that I lay before you such further information on the state and prospects of the Diocess, as will enable you to take a correct view of its actual condition; and then to suggest such measures as, in my judgment, may tend to obviate some difficulties, under which we at present labour, and will have a tendency to promote the advancement of that cause, for the furtherance and prosperity of which we are convened.

The small, but very interesting congregation of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, left vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Wright to Salisbury, has, during the past year, obtained the services of the Rev'd. Mr. Charles P. Elliott, of South Carolina for one Sunday in the month, and have forwarded to me a minute of their vestry announcing this arrangement, and with which I have expressed my entire satisfaction.

Two candidates for holy orders have received the necessary testimonials from the Standing Committee, and have been entered as such by me—viz. Mr. Francis L. Hawks, of this town, and Mr Jarvis B. Buxton, of Washington.

The Rev'd. Mr. O. V. Howell, of the Diocess of New-York, has been employed as a missionary for six months from January last, and has been labouring in Scotland Neck and in Bertie County.

Three new Churches have been begun, and are in different degrees of forwardness to completion: one in Raleigh, one in Elizabeth City, and one for the congregation of Christ's Church,

owan, which last is so far finished, as to be occupied; and ould have been consecrated this spring, had the state of my These indications of an inalth permitted me to visit them. easing interest in favour of religion and of the Church, are nfirmed by a corresponding increase of attachment to our inciples: as these have become better known, they are better estood and felt, in their close and inseparable connection th that good hope, which heaven hath granted to a world of llen sinners, through the appointments of the Gospel. we the satisfaction of being able to state, that a deeper sense religious obligation, and a livelier state of religious feeling arising throughout our communion. In this, the faithfulness that little band of brothers, who labour in this portion of the ord's vineyard, is manifested; and in the unequalled unanimiin which we are yoked together, I find a comfort and a conlation, and an encouragement which cheer and gladden my eart, and strengthen me to meet my various duties with that appy confidence which is inspired by harmonious counsels and nited exertions.

With these blessings, which demand, and I trust draw forth, ir highest thankfulness, there is, nevertheless, mingled such a prtion of adversity, as to admonish us of the uncertainty hich attends all sublunary things. God hath seen fit, in his scrutable wisdom, to remove from us, by the hand of death, to most zealous and active ministers, whose qualifications were eculiarly suited to their respective spheres of duty, and whose emories will long be cherished in the strong affection enterined for them, by those among whom they laboured. The ev. Mr. Pierson and the Rev. Mr. Brainerd, were permitted remain but a little while with us; yet, in that little time, God labled them to leave a record of diligence and faithfulness, the sward of which, we humbly trust, they now reap.

By this event, eight congregations, and nearly one fourth of ne whole number of our communicants, have been deprived of ne regular ministrations and ordinances of religion, for the reater part of the past year; and though I learn, since my arrival in this place, and with much satisfaction, that the Rev. Mr. 'reemen has undertaken the charge of three of the late Mr. 'ierson's congregations—the others are yet vacant, with no easonable expectation of being speedily supplied. Notwithtanding every diligence has been used, various circumstances perate against our obtaining a supply of clergymen from other Diocesses. Among these, the opinion entertained of our clitate, in the more northerly Diocesses, is ostensibly the chief; and however erroneous, is unhappily confirmed, by the decease of the two young and active clergymen, whom we so deeply la-

ment; the other, and as is believed, the main objection, is the small amount of salary which the congregations in general are able, or disposed, to pay. Over the one, we possess no control: it is in the hand of God; over the other, we do possess control; for it is in our own hands; and but very little is hazarded in asserting the opinion, that was the compensation more consitent with the office and its duties, the objection on the score of climate would, in a great degree, cease to operate.

But whatever weight may be attached to this opinion, the circumstances which have drawn them forth, cannot fail, I think, to suggest to this Body, and to the members of the Church in general, the great advantage which would be derived from encouraging the natives of the climate, who are assimilated to our manners and customs, and whom we might hope to retain among us, to devote themselves to this great and honourable work. For this purpose we possess very ample means-not only in the actual wealth of the members and friends of our communion, but in the resources already furnished, and the amount subscribed, and uncollected, to the friends of the General Sem-These would entitle us to the board inary, by this Diocess. and tuition of two candidates for the ministry in that institution, and would enable us to add to the number of our clergy, at the conclusion of every three years, two ministers, qualified to take charge of the congregations formed, or become vacant, in the interim, and to defend and to promote the great and inseperable interests of revealed religion and of the Church of Christ. I therefore feel it my duty to reccommend this subject to the attention of this Convention, and to suggest the propriety of an enquiry into the state of the funds subscribed in this Diocess to the General Seminary, that they may be applied to their proper purpose, and form the basis of such plans, as common consent and a common interest shall devise, to carry into effect a measure so important to the common good.

Intimately connected with this subject, is that of the Episcopate; and however delicate it may be for the incumbent of an office to draw attention to its actual condition, I feel that I must encounter it, both for your sakes and for my own.

Under the present arrangement, the duties required by the affairs of the Diocess, cannot be performed with the efficiency that is desirable, and which is, I trust, attainable. The short space of time which can be allotted to each, in visiting twenty-four congregations situated at such distances from each other, as 350 miles from east to west, and 220 from north to south, in 25 weeks, defeats, in a great degree, one very important purpose of the office I am entrusted with, and deprives me of that personal acquaintance with the great majority of those whose spiritual in-

terests are committed to my oversight; on which, much of the progress and prosperity of the Church must depend. your own experience of the ill effect of the hurried manner in which I am obliged to pass from place to place, must be suffithe thole of my time to the affairs of the Diocess.—I will only cient to prove the propriety, not to say, the necessity, of taking enformer this proof, by presenting to your consideration the advantage which would be derived from it, to the congregations unexpectedly deprived of their pastors; as in the recent instances of Washington and Warrenton. This measure is also called for by the increasing business of the Diocess: the correspondence thereby occasioned, is of itself a considerable labour, and necessarily occupies much of that time and thought which, strictly speaking, are the property of my parish. A part, however, from all immediate considerations, the true interests of this Diocess call upon the Convention to adopt the most speedy method of rendering their Bishop independent of a parochial charge. All experience has proved, that where the two duties have been joined, neither have been fully executed; as either is sufficient to occupy the industry and ability of one person; both are too heavy a charge to be alike faithfully attended to; one, if not both, must suffer, and as the parish is that most likely to be neglected, parishes will learn to avoid the connection. If, therefore, it is the desire of this body to maintain the Church in this Diocess, and to transmit to their children the pure gospel of Jesus Christ: if it wishes to preserve what is already done, and to promote the progress of what is commenced, and promises so rich a harvest of private and public good, it will take this subject into effective consideration, and by establishing a fund for the support of the Episcopate, give stability to the Church, and thereby secure to posterity the benefit of those sound and scriptural services, through which, she inculcates the doctrines of pure and undefiled religion.

As the propositions from the General Convention, on the abridgment of certain parts of the daily service, at the discretion of the officiating minister, will necessarily claim some part of your attention at this session; and as it is proper that the Diocess at large should be enabled to consider the subject unbiassed by any erroneous representation, I take this method

of laying it before you upon its actual grounds.

The propositions originated in the House of Bishops, and in so far as relates to the discretionary abridgment of the reading psalms and the proper lessons, were grounded on the principle of conciliation, to accommodate those who complain of the length of the service, and to permit that to be done by law, which was done by many without law, and was in truth a mea-

sure to relieve from the painful dilemma of knowingly permiting the laws of the Church to be disregarded, or of enforcing attention to the Rubrics upon a numerous, and it is to be seared an increasing body of our clergy. No alteration of the Liturgy was contemplated, neither is any effected, although the word has been largely used in reference to this subject. The question for your consideration is not an alteration of the Liturgy, but the policy of granting a discretionary power to shorten the service at the pleasure of the minister in certain specified parts thereof; and on this, you will of course be guided by a careful consideration of the advantage expected to be gained, compared with the price to be paid for it. Now this advantage, as appears to me, is the accommodation of some of our clergy, and of their occasional hearers, who are either of no religious persuasion, or of other denominations, by shortening the morning service about fifteen minutes at the utmost, in point of time, as the price of alarming the fears, and outraging the feelings of the great majority of the clergy, the communicants and members of the Church, and of introducing a diversity of practice in the public worship of God, which will ultimately unsettle the affections of Episcopailans towards the Liturgy, and end in surrendering it, with whatever is distinctive of our primitive and apostolic character, to the persevering attacks of our enemies, aided by the weak expectation of some who call themselves our friends, that these enemies are thus to be won over from their opposition to our principles. A subject which involves such weighty consequences, is entitled to mature consideration; and as it is not necessary that any decision should be made until the Convention of 1829, I would recommend that the propositions be inserted in the journal of our proceedings, for the consideration of the Church, that they may be acted upon with that unanimity which has hitherto attended all our proceedings, and which, I trust, will preside over our present counsels.

The parochial reports were next called for, and presented as follows:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, Rector.

Baptisms,	•	•	•	•	•	3	Infants.
Confirmed,						2	
Communicar	ıts,	•	•		•	16	3 removed & 2 added
Deaths,							ne.

The situation of the congregation remains much as it was

and considering the disadvantages under which it labours in the long and frequent interruption of the services, presents rather an encouraging prospect.—A very interesting class of young catechumens, consisting of about 18 boys and girls, are regularly attended to, and are coming forward rapidly in the exercises assigned them.

The building intended for a Church is commenced in a central and convenient situation; and expectation is sanguine, that it will have a favoureble effect on the interests of the Church.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

REV. R. S. MASON, Rector

Baptisms, Adults	: 1,	CI	ildre	n 28	}—	Total	24
Confirmed, .						•	2
Marriages, .			•				4
Burials,	,						10
Communicants,	•		•	•			68

Since the last Convention, 3 new communicants have been added, 2 have died, 1 has removed, and 2 have withdrawn from the communion. The congregation until lately, it is grievous and painful to state, has, it is to be feared, declined in zeal and piety; but it is hoped, that through the blessing of God, there is at present an increasing attention to the duties of religion—that by the divine mercy, we shall not only return and do our first works, but advance to greater heights of devotion to God than we have yet attained.

There are 30 catechumens. The rector here takes occasion to state, that one of the most pleasing, and, as he hopes, profitable exercises of his pastoral office, is the endeavour to trainthese young members of the Church in the way they should go.

A Working Society, consisting of many ladies of the congregation has been instituted for the purpose of procuring funds for different religious uses.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

REV. ADAM EMPIE, Rector.

Baptisms, . Marriages, .		15	
Deaths,	•	of these, 7 belonged the parish.	to
Communicants.	_	. 136	

During the past year, 10 new communicants have been ad-

ded, 1 has died, 4 have removed, 2 are suspended, and 3 Africans have left us.

Sunday scholars and catechumens, 110.

The parish is, in other respects, as when last reported; and though there be considerable religious life, activity and zeal, these are confined to comparatively a few; and we most earnestly pray for their increase and extension.

Missionary collection, Presented to the missionary fund by the Episcopal Working Association of Smithville, Dr. De Rosset's Subscription, Total.			35 00 00		
Total,		•	\$40	35	•

This parish, besides making up the deficit of last year, has contributed this year its full quota to the contingent fund, and fund for the Episcopate.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

REV. JOHN AVERT, Rector.

Baptisms,						
			Cou			
	In W	ashir	gton,	1.	—Tota	d 12
Marringes,			•		•	1
Burials,		•		•	•	12
Communic	ants.			_		34

During the past year, 3 have been added to the communion, 2 have died, and 2 have removed.—Catechetical instructions are given every Sunday, and attended with general punctuality and interest, and promise to be useful.

The rector of this Church preaches usually once a week in the village of Hertford, to a small but attentive congregation.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

REV. PHILIP B. WILEY, Deacon.

Baptisms, Adults	2,	Infan	ts 2-	-Т	otal	4
Catechumens,	•				•	13
Confirmed, .						3
Marriages, .						2
Communicants,						12

The condition of this congregation may be seen by reference to the Episcopal Journal. Hopes are entertained that the Church now building will be ready for consecration in November next.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

REV. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms,			•		•	•	4 Infants.
Confirmation	ns,		•	•	•	•	7
Communicat	nts,			•	•	•	21-3 removed.
Deaths, .		•	•	•	•	•	1 Infant.

Although the numerical increase of this congregation since the last Convention, is but small; yet its general condition is prosperous.—Lay reading has been very well attended, and a general and constant attention has been manifested in public worship.—A Bible class has been recently formed of some of the young adults of the congregation, and promises, with God's blessing, to be highly useful.

In this congregation, the Sunday School is deserving of especial notice: it is composed principally of the pupils of the Female Seminary, and is mostly under the control of the teachers of the same.—The progress of the pupils in religious knowledge, has been considerable during the past year; and the exercises of the whole school are so well ordered, as to promise abundant usefulness and profit to those who receive its instructions.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Baptisms,				5	Infants.
Confirmed, .				4	
Communicants,		•	•	14	
Deaths, .				2	

This congregation remains nearly in the state reported at the last Convention. The Sunday School has been abandoned for a time, owing to the unavoidable absence of two of the ladies of the congregation who had the chief care of the school.

At Judge Cameron's, the baptisms have been 26 children, one only of which was white.—The Chapel crected by Judge Cameron will soon be prepared for consecration: it is a neat and pleasant place of worship, and reflects much credit on the individual by whom it has been crected.—The congregation here consists, for the most part, of coloured people.

At Milton, baptisms 2.

CHRIST'S CHURCH & ST. LUKE'S, ROWAN COUNTY,

REV. THOMAS WRIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, St. Luke's, Salisbury, 3)
Christ's Church, 8 2 13 Infants.
Calvary Church, 2

Deaths 1-Marriages I. Communicants, Christ's Church, 70

St. Luke's 17 2 removed, and 6 added.

In this part of God's vineyard, there is reason to hope, that the friends and members of the Church have not only increased in number, but are advancing in zeal and knowledge, growing in grace and holiness.

A commodious building, now ready for consecration, has been erected by the brethren of Christ's Church; and the congregation of St. Luke's, are making arrangements to rear a house of worship in Salisbury, on a lot of ground presented by

Major Beard.

The rector of St. Luke's and Christ's Church, besides his regular ministrations in those Churches, has officiated during the past year, twice at Mockville, twice in Iredell, and four times at Wadesborough.—The occasional services heretofore rendered at Calvary Church, Wadesborough, have been discontinued since January last, when the Rev. Mr. Elliot, of the Diocess of South-Carolina, consented to officiate, monthly, for the little flock at Wadesborough.—This interesting little congregation, steadfast hitherto in the faith, it may be confidently hoped, will, under the influence of the spirit, and the teaching of their present pastor, continue to walk worthy of their calling.

Collections for the support	of th	e Epise	opate	from	\$25	00
From Christ's Church,	•	Ä		•	.20	00.
•			•			00
Collections for contingent for From Christ's Church,	und	from St.	Luke'	. .	#5 5	6 0.
					\$10	00.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

The congregation at this place, is composed of eight families. There are eleven communicants, and sixty regular attendants on public worship. A Sunday School has been lately organized by the Rev. Mr. Elliot, which at present consists of 25 children and four teachers.

The following gentlemen were then appointed a Committee on the state of the Church, viz: of the clergy, Rev. Messrs.

Empie, Avery, and Green; and of the Laity, Messrs. Bryan' Burgwin, and Hoyt.

On motion, Resolved, that the parochial reports be referred

to the committee on the state of the Church.

Resolved, that so much of the Episcopal Journal as relates to the Church and Diocess generally, and the propositions of the last General Convention, be referred to the same Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Empie, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of proposing to the Missionary Society, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina, the adoption of some plan, the better to carry into effective operation the common designs of said Society, and of the Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the committee: Rev. Messrs. Empie, Freeman, and Richard S. Mason, of the clergy, and Dr. Thomas H. Wright, and Mr. Francis Hawks, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9

o'clock.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Henry M. Mason, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, from St. Matthew, Ch. V. 11. and 12. verses.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1827, 3 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. President:

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Henry M. Mason, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

Dr. Shadrack P. Allen, a delegate from St. James's Church,

Greenville, appeared and took his seat.

The following gentlemen also appeared, produced certificates of delegation, and were received as members of the Convention:

Jarvis B. Buxton, from Zion Chapel, Beaufort County, Jesse B. Bryan, from St. Thomas' Church, Bath.

Benjamin Patrick, from Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.

The Rev. Mr. Empic, from the committee appointed at the last Convention to report to the present Convention Rules of Order, handed in a Report, and the house proceeded to the consideration thereof; but before completing the same, adjourned to attend divine service.

and a sermon preached by the Rev. Henry M. Mason, from Genesis, Ch. XXV. 34. v.

After divine service, the Convention resumed the consideration of the Rules of Order, when, after sundry amendments, they were finally adopted as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1. The Convention, on the day appointed for its meeting, shall always open with prayer, and organize before morning service; and the session of each subsequent day, shall likewise
- be opened with prayer.
- 2. At the opening of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy shall be called over by the Secretary of the preceding Convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro. tem. to be appointed by the Presi-The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary; after which, the President shall declare the Convention organized, and ready for business. A Secretary having then been chosen, the following committees shall be appointed by the chair: A Committee of Examination, consisting of three, to examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates, and to report the number of Churches duly represented, together with the names of the representatives present. A committee of five, on the State of the Church, to whom shall always be referred the parochial reports; and a Finance Committee of five, to whom shall be referred all accounts.
- 3. The subsequent general order of business in Convention shall be as follows:—1st, the Bishop's annual address; 2d parechial reports; 3d, report of the committee of examination; 4th, report of all the standing officers of the Convention, and of the other committees, appointed the year preceding; 5th, elections; 6th, miscellaneous business; 7th, reports of committees appointed during the session of the Convention.
- All select committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.
- 5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.
- 6. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; shall with due respect andress himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to an point in del ate.
- 7. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same over the Possid et shall declare which shall speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same point, without obtaining leave from the House; nor shall any member be interrupted while speaking in order.

9. While any member is speaking, and while the President is putting any question, all shall continue in their seats, and

none shall hold any private discourse.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the House, unless seconded; and if required, reduced to wri-

ting, and read by the Secretary.

- 11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment must be decided before the original motion.
 - 12. A question once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.
 - 13. No member shall be absent from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be, from sickness, unable to attend.
 - 14. Every day, during the session, there shall be public service, and a sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and at night.
 - 15. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leaves his chair.

The Rev. Mr. Empie, from the Standing Committee, made the following report:

REPORT.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that they have, since the last Convention, granted testimonials to George W. Freeman, recommending him for Deacon's orders; and that Jarvis B. Buxton and Francis L. Hawks, have been recommended to the bishop as candidates for the ministry.—No other business has come before them.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the Standing Committee, for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Messrs. Empire and R. S. Mason, of the clergy, and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, George W. B. Burgwin and James S. Green, of the laity, were duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Empie, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church, having had under consideration the several subjects submitted to them, respectfully present the following report:

REPORT.

As from several of the parishes, no parochial reports have been sent, it is obviously impossible to present, with much accuracy in this annual report, an aggregate or comparative estimate of the condition and progress of the Church in this Diocess.—As far, however, as any information has been laid before us from the different parts of the Diocess, it conveys the most cheering intelligence.—He who presides over the destinies of the Church, has said "let Jerusalem be rebuilt," and our Zion is in consequence, with steady progress, shaking herself from the dust, putting on her beautiful garments, and coming forth in her strength.

We refer to the parochial reports, and particularly to the Journal of our beloved Diocesan, for proof, that our increase and prosperity are not merely nominal and external, but are associated with the enlightened and sanctifying religion of the These we hail as the earnest of their stability and permanency.-Most pleasing indeed and consolatory are the numerous indications of increasing activity, zeal and holiness among the members of our communion.—And after the uniform progress which, God be thanked, our Church has for years been making in her march to a holier and happier condition, we hope that both her timorous friends, and her determined foes will be convinced, that notwithstanding their predictions to the contrary, Heaven has not destined her even to declension, much less to extinction. Her cause is the cause of God, her march is under the banner of Divine Providence; and He who has preserved her in the hour of peril, and darkness, and depression, stands pledged to protect her from all that would oppose her career towards her millenial glory.

Your Committee have observed, with much pleasure, that the parochial reports are not merely, as often has been the case, bare details of the number of marriages, births, funerals, and communicants, but contain likewise brief abstracts of the state of religion, and of the improvements that are introduced into each parish from year to year. These abstracts indeed that they may not become tedious, should be very much condensed, but it should be remembered, that no parochial report is complete without them; and as scarcely any returns have been made this year, of the number of adults in every parish, as required by our 5th canon, as well as by the 40th and 45th of the General Convention, we trust that that deficiency will not need to be noticed hereafter.

The friends of the Church, and of religion, must always de-

light to see an account of all the labours of love to which the ever active and fruitful principle of piety gives birth; but we cannot help noticing, as preeminently important, the labours of Sabbath Schools, and the catechetical instructions of the rising generation.—It appears, from the documents before us, that these schools and instructions are increasing; and such is the immense and happy influence which under God they may be made to exert both upon the Church and upon society at large, that they cannot be too earnestly recommended, or too sedulously promoted .- Sabbath scholars and catechumens are the green hope of our Churches; and it is devoutly to be wished, that all the children of our parishes may be trained persever-; ingly and systematically, under the influence of all those advantages which the present improved state of society affords.

For other particulars on which your Committee deem remarks unnecessary, they refer to the graphic details presented by the parochial reports, and more especially by the deeply interesting and affecting Journal of our Diocesan.-In concluding this subject, however, though they feel incompetent to say what course ought to be pursued, they would most earnestly call the attention of this Convention to the means of supplying our destitute Churches: and they pray the great Head of the Church, in his infinite wisdom and goodness, to heal our wounds and to

raise us up help.

On the subject of the resolutions which the late General Convention has submitted to the several State Conventions, and the consideration whereof has been referred to your Committee,

they beg leave to Report :-

That in their opinion, it is not expedient to act on the resolutions at the present Convention, but that, according to the suggestion of our Diocesan, it is best to delay the adoption or rejection of these resolutions, so that all the members of the Church in this Diocess, may have time to give them a thorough examination.—Your Committee beg leave to observe in recommending a delay, that they think it proper to guard against any inference that the present Convention entertain any approbation of the proposed alterations of the Liturgy:—they mean merely by postponing the consideration of the subject to the next Convention, to obtain a deliberate expression of the sense of this Diocess.-They therefore recommend, that so much of the Journal of the last General Convention as relates to this subject, be printed with the minutes of this Convention.*

Respectfully submitted,

A. EMPIE, Chairman.

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the following persons, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Empie and Green, of the clergy, and Messrs. Donnell, Bryan, Hoyt, and McRea, of the lany, were appointed.

The report of John W. Wright, Esq. treasurer of the Convention, was presented by the Rev. H. M. Mason, and referred

to the Committee of Finance.

In consequence of the treasurer being absent, it was, on motion, resolved, that a receiver of monies, payable at this Convention, be appointed to receive the sums due, and pay over the same to the treasurer of the Convention. Whereupon the Rev. H. M. Mason was appointed.

The Rev. H. M. Mason then presented the parochial report of

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Baptisms,							×			14
Marriages,			20	-				×		4
Burials,	8		8		4		6		100	2
Communicants,		w		4		4				59

The orderly deportment of this congregation, during their attendance on public worship, and the interest they appear to take in the liturgical services, has been very gratifying to their pastor. Sudden excitements of whatever kind, are of suspicious duration; and I'am by no means inclined, from the want of them among us, to doubt that the spirit of piety exists among my flock.—Some of our communicants have removed to a distance, one only has died, and with an error in the last report, I find there has been an increase of five in the present year. Under able and zealous teachers, our Sunday School prospers, and now numbers upwards of sixty, who regularly receive catechetical instruction.

The contributions to the Episcopal and Contingent Funds were then called for, and the following sums were paid in:

By St. James' Church, Wilmington, By St. John's Church, Fayetteville, By Christ's Church, Newbern,	Epis. Fund. \$150.50* \$0,00 110.00		
By St. Matthew's, St. Mary's, and St. Jude's, Orange county,	40 00	10 00	
By St. Luke's, Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan county,	50.00	•	

See Parochial Report of St. James' Church, Wilmington.

St. Paul's church, Edenton, Christ's church, Raleigh, and Christ's church, Elizabeth City, had paid in advance, to both the Episcopal and Contingent Funds, the full amount of their assessment. St. Luke's church, Salisbury, and Christ's church, Rowan, had paid in advance to the contingent fund.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock the following

morning.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wright, from Ezchiel, 37 chap. 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th verses.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 19. 9 o'clock.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Mr. Francis Hawks being called off on publick business, asked and obtained leave of absence.

A certificate of delegation from Christ's church, Raleigh, was presented, and Gavin Hogg, a delegate from that congregation, appeared and took his seat.

n motion, it was then Resolved, that Mr. Hogg be added to the committee of Finance.

Resolved, that so much of the bishop's journal as relates to the fund for the support of a bishop, be referred to the committee of Finance.

The committee appointed to examine into the expediency of proposing to the Missionary Society, the adoption of some plan, the better to carry into effective operation, the designs of said society, reported,

That they deem it inexpedient, at present, to make such a

proposition to the Missionary Society.

Leave of absence was asked and obtained for Mr. John H. Bryan.—The House then adjourned to attend divine service.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Empie, from Prov. 23. 17.

After service, the House again assembled for business.

After service, the House again assembled for business. On motion of the Rev. R. S. Mason, it was Resolved, that the

House do now proceed to the consideration of the place and time of holding the next Convention.

After some discussion whether Fayetteville or Salisbury should be the place, it was finally Resolved, that the next convention be holden at Fayetteville, on Thursday, May 22, 1828.

The House next proceeded to ballot for the delegates to the General Convention; and on counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Adam Empie, R. S. Mason, Wm. M. Green and

John Avery, of the clergy, and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, John R. Donne I, G. E. Badger, and Josial Collins, of the Laity, were duly elected.

Mr. Norwood, from St. Matthew's, Hillsboro' proposed the

following canon, which was passed.

Canon to regulate Elections.

In all cases of voting for appointments, before the Convention, a majority of the votes of the members present, at the time of voting, shall be necessary to constitute an election.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, on

Monday morning.

On Sunday morning, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Empie, and a sermon delivered by the bishop from Juo. XV. part of 5th verse.—The Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, deacon, was admitted to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, and the communion administered to about 80 recipients.

In the afternoon, divine service by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from James, chap. 4-

verses 13, 14, and 15.

At night, prayers by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a sermon by the Rev. H. M. Mason, from Gen. c. 3. part of 15 v.

Monday Morning, May 21. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wiley .- The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Jarvis B. Buxton from Zion chapel, and Benjamin Patrick from Trinity chapel, Beaufort county, asked and obtained leave

of absence.

The Rt Rev. President, from the board of managers of the Missionary Society, presented the following Report:

REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Discress of North-Carolina, Report to this Convention,

That during the past year, the services of a Missionary were obtained for six months, from the 1st of January last, which services were appropriated to that section of the Diocess comprised within the counties of Edgecombe, Martin, Halifax, and Bertie; but as no return has been made by the Missionary, they

nal !- to state the result of his labours. Their views, howe-

ver, are steadily directed to fulfil the objects of their organization; and, though the prospects are not more favourable than heretofore, that they will be able to obtain persons to serve as Missionaries, they yet feel that it is their duty to persevere—trusting in the Providence and direction of the great Head of the Church for the infusion of that spirit of zeal for his service, unto the hearts of the young, active, and unencumbered portion of the clergy, which shall send them forth into the destitute and desolate quarters of the vineyard, to build up the waste places thereof.

The officers of the society for the present year, are composed of the same persons as last year, with the exception of such changes, as death and removal rendered necessary. These are, the election of the Rev. R. S. Mason in the room of the Rev. Mr. Pierson, deceased, of the Rev. Mr. Wright, in the room of the Rev. Henry M. Mason, removed; and the appointment of the Rev. R. S. Mason, as Secretary. The officers of the society, for the present year, therefore, are the following:

RIGHT REV. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, President.

DR. A. D. J. DE ROSSETT,

JOSIAH COLLINS,

MOSES JARVIS,

REV. RICHARD S. MASON, Secretary.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

RIGHT REV. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT,

REV. ADAM EMPIE,

REV. RICHARD S. MASON,

REV. RICHARD S. MASON,

REV. THOMAS WRIGHT,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, President.

After the reading of the Report of the Missionary Society, the following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That 600 copies of the Journals, be ordered to be

printed.

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be, and is hereby authorised to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Josiah Collins and Walker Anderson, Esqrs., for such sums as they may have expended on behalf of this Diocess, at the General Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention do transmit, annually, to each of the bishops, and to the Secretary of each Diocesan Convention, and to the Secretary of the General Convention, a copy of the Journals of this Convention, and invice an exchange.

Resolved, That the alteration proposed by the last General Convention, in the 8th article of the constitution, be printed with the Journals of this Convention, for the consideration of the members of the Church in this Diocess.

Resolved, That the canon adopted at the last General Convention, "regulating the admission of persons as candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue candidates before their ordination," be printed with the Journals of this Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of so regulating the meetings of the Convention, that they may be held in the Eastern and Western sections of the State alternately, and report to the next Convention.

The following persons were appointed on the Committee: the Rev. Messrs. Wright and Avery, of the clergy, and Messrs. John Beard, George W. B. Burgwyn, and William H. Haywood, of the laity.

The House then adjourned to attend divine service.

Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and a sermon by the bishop, and two persons were confirmed.—After service, the House resumed business.

The Rev. Mr. Empie, from the Finance Committee, then presented the following report:

REPORT.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, That they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correct.

They have taken into consideration the present state of the fund for the support of the Episcopate, and find it to be worth the sum of \$6,759 84 cents, as per statement herewith submitted, marked (1.)1.

Your Committee see, with much regret, that the assessment made by the last Convention for the support of the Episcopate, and for the contingent expenses of the Convention, have not been paid by all the congregations, but that several are in arrears for the whole or part of the sums assessed to be paid by them. At the last Convention the congregations were in arrears on their assessments for the same purposes, \$414; which constituted an item in the account of the state of the fund for the Episcopate, then reported by the Committee of Finance. The Convention omitted to have any measures taken to collect said sum; and your Committee are of opinion, that it cannot now be collected without requiring of the members of the congregations more than they could conveniently pay: your Committee have, therefore,

[•] See Appendix B. f See Appendix C. f See Appendix D.

considered said sum due before last Convention, as entirely lost; and have taken no account of it in the present state of the fund for the Episcopate. They have, however, taken an account of the sums in arrear for 1826—1827, and find it to be \$245 as per account marked (II.)*: and they recommend that a resolution-be passed, making it the duty of the Treasurer, immediately on the rise of the Convention, to forward an account of the sums due for arrearages, and also the account of the assessments laid by the Convention, to the pastor of each congregation; and where, from any cause, there is no pastor in the charge of the congregation, to some member of the Church, and request the pastor, or such member, to use his influence with the congregation to have the account paid.

The Committee have made the assessments for the support of the Episcopate, and for contingent expenses for 1827—1828, marked (III. and IV.,)† and they are herewith submitted.

Your Committee have under consideration the proposition to afford the bishop a salary adequate to his support, and to relieve him from parochial duty; and they have given to it the attention required by its importance, and by the interest felt in it by the Convention, and by the members of the Church throughout the Diocess. Your Committee have devised a plan whereby, they hope, under the blessing of God, and with the cordial cooperation of the friends of the Church, the object may be attained.

The Episcopal fund is now worth \$6,500, in round numbers, and if, by sabscription, the sum of \$5000 or \$6000 can be procured, the interest of these sums, with a moderate annual assessment, will raise \$1,200, with which sum, the bishop, it is understood, will be content, and which is certainly a small sum for the support of a respectable family. Your Committee, therefore, recommend, that some proper person be appointed by the Convention to accompany the bishop on a mission throughout the Diocess, for the purpose of soliciting further subscriptions, in aid of the fund for the Episcopate; and that the bishop be requested, by this Convention, to proceed on said mission, as soon after autumn, as a proper attention to the state of health, in the low country, will permit. Your Committee further recommend, that after the next Convention, if a sufficient fund be raised for the support of the bishop, that a committee be appointed, on the part of the Convention, to enter into a contract with him, whereby his services will be secured exclusively to the Dio-Your committee further recommend that some clergyman be requested to prepare an address to the members of the

Church, to forward the subscription, and that the said address be published with the proceedings of this Convention.

Your committee further recommend that the collection of the arrears due on the subscription for the support of the Episcopate, be pressed with all diligence; and that if any thing remain due in the autumn, that the subscription list be handed over for collection to the person appointed to solicit new subscriptions.

The committee pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subscriptions from this Diocess, to the fund for the Theological Seminary, and that the same be referred to a committee at the next Convention of this Diocess.

The committee further recommend, that at all succeeding Conventions, a collection be made in aid of the contingent expenses of the same. All which is respectfully submitted.

ADAM EMPIE, Chairman.

The above report, on the vote being put, was accepted, and agreeably to the recommendations contained therein: It was resolved, that Mr. Francis L. Hawks be appointed to accompany the bishop on a mission for the obtaining of new subscriptions.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Empie do prepare an address to the members and friends of the Church on the subject.

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the said address be printed; that 600 copies thereof be appended to the Journals, one copy of the address for each copy of the Journals; that the remaining 400 copies be judiciously otherwise distributed by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the said address be read, on some occasion of publick worship, by every clergyman of the Diocess, to the congregation or congregations over which he may preside.

J. W. Wright was then unanimously re-elected treasurer of the Convention, and it was

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Mr. Wright for the important services he has rendered as treasurer to this Convention.

The following canon was then proposed by the Hon. J. R. Donnell, and passed.

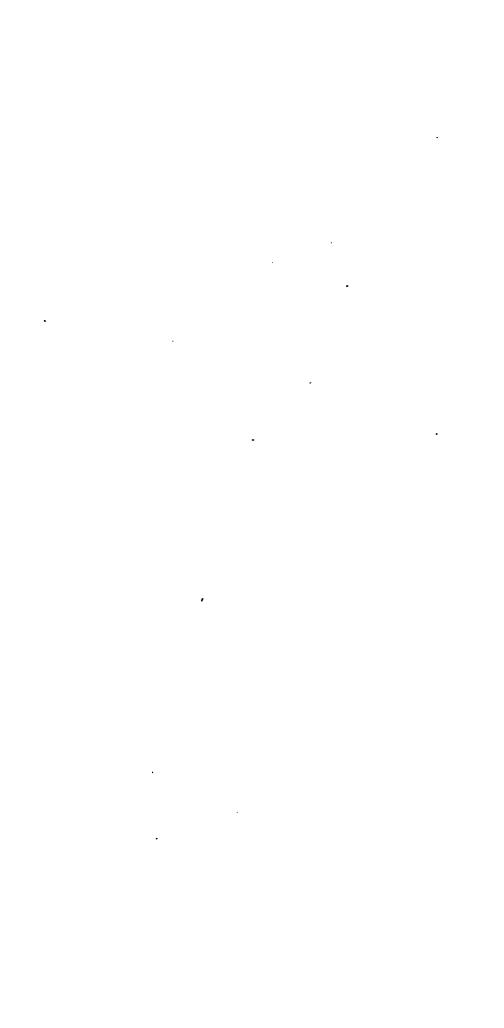
Canon authorizing the Treasurer to invest the money belonging to the Convention.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest, on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all monies in the treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the inhabitants of Newbern, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Convention, and that the Rev. R. S. Mason, be requested to make known this resolution in a public manner.

The Convention having then closed its business, adjourned with prayer and the benediction of the bishop.

R. S. MASON, Secr'y. of the Convention.



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Extract from the Journal of the House of Bishops.

"On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, resolved, That the House of Bishops propose the following preambles and resolutions to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies:

"The House of Bishops, deeply solicitous to preserve unimpaired the Liturgy of the Church, and yet desirous to remove the reasons alleged, from the supposed length of the service, for the omission of some of its parts, and particularly for the omission of that part of the communion office, which is commonly called the ante-communion, do unanimously propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolutions, to be submitted to the several State Conventions, in order to be acted upon at the next General Convention, agreeably to the eighth article of the Constitution.

"1. Resolved, that in 'The order how the Psalter is appointed to be read,' the following be added to the fourth paragraph —' or any other psalm or psalms, except on those days on which proper psalms are appointed:'—so that the whole paragraph will read as follows.—'The minister, instead of reading from the Psalter, as divided for daily morning and evening prayer, may read one of the selections set out by this Church, or any other psalm or psalms, except on those days on which 'proper

psalms' are appointed.'

"2. Resolved, that in 'The order how the rest of the holy Scripture is appointed to be read,' the following be inserted after the fifth paragraph:—'The minister may, at his discretion, instead of the entire lessons, read suitable portions thereof, not less than fifteen verses. And on other days than Sundays and holy days, in those places where morning and evening prayer is not daily used, he may read other portions of the Old and New Testament instead of the prescribed lessons; it being recommended that, unless circumstances render it inexpedient, on the stated prayer days of Wednesdays and Fridays, the lessons for those days, or for one of the intervening days, be read.'

"The Bishops, in the use of the office of Confirmation, finding that the preface is frequently not well suited to the age and character of those who are presented for this holy ordinance,

ununimously propose the following resolution:-

3. "Resolved, that after the present preface in the office of Confirmation, the following be inserted, to be used instead of the former, at the discretion of the Bishop:— It appears from holy Scripture, that the apostles laid their hands on those who were baptized; and this ordinance, styled by the apostle Paul, the 'laying on of hands,' and ranked by him among the principles of the doctrine of Christ, has been retained in the Church, under the name of Confirmation; and is very convenient, and proper to be observed, to the end that persons being sufficiently instructed in what they promised, or what was promised for them in their baptism, and being, in other respects, duly qualifield, may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same, and also promise, that by the grace of God, they will evermore endeavor themselves faithfully to observe such things as they, by their own confession, have assented unto."

"And to correct the injurious misapprehension, as to the meaning of certain terms, in the first collect in the office of Confirmation, the Bishops unanimously propose the following resolution:—

"4. Resolved, that after the first collect in the office of confirmation, the following be inserted, to be used at the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the first collect, 'Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed, in baptism, to regenerate these thy servants, by water and the Holy Ghost; thus giving them a title to all the blessings of thy covenant of grace and mercy, in thy Son Jesus Christ, and now dost graciously confirm unto them, ratifying the promises then made, all their holy privileges; grant unto them, we beseech thee, O Lord, the renewing of the Holy Ghost; strengthen them with the power of this divine Comforter; and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.'

And whereas, in the opinion of the Bishops, there is no ioubt as to the obligation of ministers to say, on all Sundays and other holy days, that part of the communion office which is commonly called the ante-communion, yet as the practice of some of the clergy is not conformable to this construction of the rubric on this point, the House of Bishops propose the following resolution:—

"5. Resolved, that the following be adopted as a substitute for the first sentence in the rubric, immediately after the communion office:—

"On all Sundays and other holy days shall be said all that is appointed at the communion, unto the end of the Gospel, conducing divine service, in all cases when there is a sermon or communion, and when there is not, with the Blessing."

Extract from the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"The resolutions received from the House of Bishops, on the inbject of the Psalter, &c. being under consideration, it was relolved, that this House concur in the resolutions of the House of Bishops."

B.

Extract from the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"Resolved by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that it be made known to the several State Conventions of this Church, that it is proposed to consider of, and determine on, at the next General Convention, the propriety of altering the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution of this Church, by adding the words, or the articles of religion, after the words, 'other offices of the Church.'"

Extract from the Journal of the House of Bishops.

"A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing to make known to the several State Conventions, a proposition to consider of, and determine on, the expediency of altering the second clause of the eighth artile of the Constitution of this Church; which was concurred in by this house."

C.

Canon passed in General Convention, 1826.

Regulating the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their Ordination.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for orders rthis Church, shall, in the first instance, give notice of his innation to the Bishop, or, if there he no Bishop, to such body

as the Church in the Diocess or State in which he intends to apply, may appoint; and if, after obtaining the canonical testimonials from the Standing Committee, he he admitted as a candidate by the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, by such body as the Church in the Diocess or State in which he intends to apply may appoint, he shall remain a candidate for the term of three years before his ordination, unless the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain the candidate, after the expiration of a shorter period, not less than one year.

The first paragraph of the 7th canon of 1808, and the first

canon of 1823, are hereby repealed.

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notice is hereby given.

That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocess of North-Carolina, will be holden in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on Thursday, May 22d, A. D. 1828.

R. S. MASON, Secretary.

To the Members and Friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocess of N. C.

Brethren,

We address you on a subject that must be dear to the heart of every Christian. We appeal once more to a community, which already stands high for its liberality to the Church. The prosperity of our Church, we know, you most earnestly desire. To this we could not be indifferent, without incurring the crime, of being indifferent to all that is useful, to all that is good, and to all that heaven has enjoined. The age has gone by when an utter disregard to the religion and the Church of Christ, was deemed innocent. The minds of men have been generally opened, to see and ackowledge that it is disreputable to refuse their countenance and support, to the common religion of our Country. As Christians then, and as friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, we address you; and we respectfully solicit your aid, in advancing the welfare of Society, and the eternal salvation of souls, by your endeavours to advance the prosperity of that Church. On this subject, we need not open our ears to objections. There can be no objection against doing good, and promoting the cause of religion. We stay not to advance arguments. You need no arguments, Brethren, to convince you, that you ought to be good Churchmen; or that you ought to countenance and support, the common religion of your Country. We are persuaded you cannot but approve, and approving, we trust, you cannot but yield your liberal support, to the measure we propose.

What then, it will be asked, is the object you have in view? It is this. To promote the prosperity of religion and of our Church, by giving our Bishop an independent salary; so as to free him from Parochial duties, and enable him to devote the whole of his time, to the care of the Churches. His duties heretofore, have been too laborious; and his health has been sinking under them. His labours being divided between his Parish and his Diocess, it was not possible for him to do full justice to either. The Church will be immensely a gainer, by this measure. And those, in different parts of the state, who value the Bishop's society and services, will have it in their power to enjoy more of both.

By one generous effort of the friends of our Church, this object may easily be accomplished; and it will secure to our Diocess, a preeminence, as honorable as it is desirable. Though one of the youngest in the union, she will then have the honor, one of the oldest diocess-esexcepted, of being the first which has made its Bishop independent—has exalted the Episcopate to its proper character—and left it unencumbered with any duties except such as are strictly and exclusively Episcopal.

Friends of religion and of the Church, need we urge this measure upon you. any further? If you wish to secure the effective services of your Bishop, and raise our Church completely from the dust, release him from his Parish duties. His labours through the Piocess will be more valuable, than those of many missionaries. Consider what he has already done and suffered for you—the good, which, through God's blessing he has already effected—and the sacrifices which he has been called to make. Consider what the Episcopal office ought to be, and what you have it in your power to make it. Christ never intended his Bishops to be Parish Priests; but to have the care and superintendence of all the Churches: and yet there is not, at this moment, one single Bishop, in our Country, who has nothing but Episcopal services to perform, or who is not olliged to resort to something besides his Episcopal Office, in order to gain a livelihood. Both under the old and new Testament, God has made the most ample provision f r the support of his ministers; and among the primitive Christians as well as among the

one fifth even of their yearly income, was y given for this purpose. Are we not equally them, to grant a liberal support to those, sent to labour for our salvation; and some of our abundance, for the purhurch, by a single effort, to that Andent station which she ought to .. the great Head of the Church, may pirit upon us, and subdue our hearts to nis cause, and the obedience of his will! .uals are found, among other demoninations, with immortalizing munificence, gave thous and tens of thousands for such purposes. While Church is notoriously as wealthy as any other, nall we give them cause to say, as some have said, that we are inferior to them, in public religious spirit, in zeal, in liberality, and in a regard for the prosperity of our Zion? God forbid my Brethren! Disprove the slander by your present liberality. Be assured you will never repent of such an act. You will reflect upon it with pleasure in the hour of death; and if it springs from faith, you will reap the reward of it in Heaven. Remember too, that you are bound to this by the highest authority in the universe. God has ordained, that "they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." And if our Bishop preaches over the whole Diocess, the whole Diocess ought to join in giving him a comfortable support.

It is for the Church of your Fathers, that we are pleading. Will you not contribute to build up the dilapidated altars, at which they worshipped? From the regions of blessedness, the pious dead are looking down upon you, anxious to see you honour the religion they professed, and support the Church which they loved. Can you disappoint their hopes, and continue regardless of the solemn vows they made for you in baptism? While thousands are squandered on trifles, have you nothing to "lend unto the Lord?" Have you no treasures you wish to lay up in heaven? and do you not know that God has promised to stand your security, and to pay you again in another world, all that you spend in his service here?

Blessed Redeemer! hast thou shed thy blood and laid down thy life for us, and shall we refuse to give thee of our treasures, to carry on thy work of love a mong mankind? Forbid it heaven! Give then, Christian, in proportion as you love the Church; and in proportion as Christ and his Gospel are precious. Give, according to the love you ought to bear towards Him who commands you to do good. Give accordingly as now value your own scall and never own salvation.

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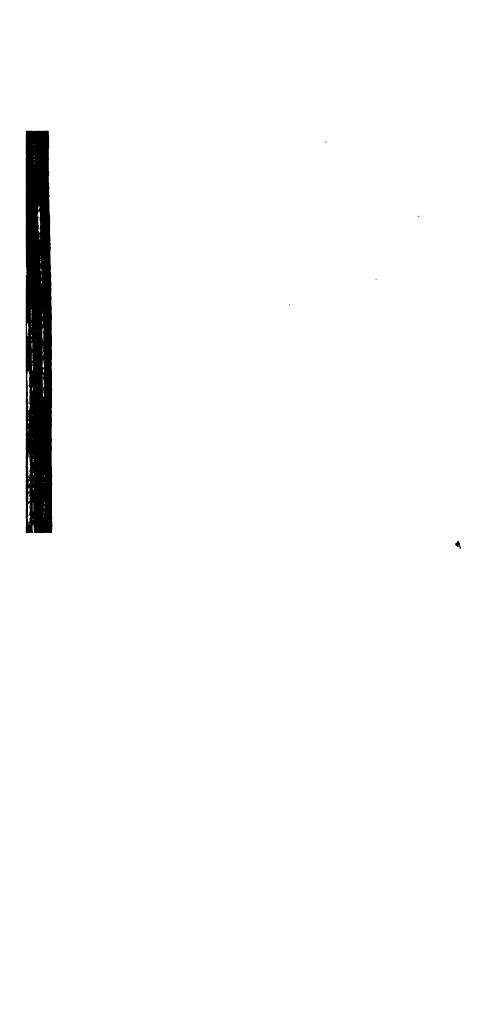
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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

he Rt. Rev. J. S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of St. John's Church, Williamsborough. he Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. C. P. Elliott, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh. Rev. G. W. Freeman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington. Rev. W. M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington. Rev. P. B. Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville. The Rev. Messrs. E. Brainerd, of Warrenton, J. B. Buxton, of lizabeth City, R. J. Miller of Burke county, and Thomas Wright. Salisbury, clerical members of this Convention, were not present at s sessions.

The Diocess consists of the Bishop, seven Priests and 4 Deacons.

LAITY.—DELEGATES.

John C. Taylor, St. John's Church, Williamsborough. Robert H. Smith, St. Paul's Church, Edenton. George E. Badger, Gavin Hogg,

Christ's Church, Raleigh. Gavin Hogg, Leonidas Polk, Eli Hoyt, St. Peter's Church, Washington. John H. Norment, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. Wm. E. Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county. Doct. A. J. De Rosset, James S. Green, St. James's Church, Wilmington. William C. Lord, Maurice Waddell, Doct. T. N. Cameron, Hon. Robt. Strange, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. John Huske, John W. Wright, James W. Bryan, Christ's Church, Newbern. Richard Barbour, Christ's Church, Rowan county

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FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, Thursday, May 22d, 1828.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in St. John's Church, for the purpose of organizing: the Right Rev. John S. Ravenschoft, D. D., acting as President, and John W. WRIGHT, Esquire, as Secretary, pro tempore.

The list of the Clergy was called over, and the following were found

to be present.

The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
Thomas S. W. Mott, Rector of St. James's Church, Wil-

mington.
GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

On motion, Mr. Edward L. Winslow, of Fayetteville, was elected

Secretary to the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Freeman, Dr. T. N. Cameron, and Mr. Eli Hoyt,

are appointed a Committee to examine the testimonials of Lay Delegates to the Convention, and report thereon.

The Rev. Messrs. Avery and Green, of the Clergy, Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, Messrs. John C. Taylor and James W. Bryan, of the Laity, were appointed a Committee on the State of the Church. On motion, the appointment of the Committee of Finance was defer-

red until Friday.

After which the Convention adjourned for Divine Service.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. W. M. GREEN, and a Sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop, from Luke, 8th chapter, 18th verse.

The Committee, to whom was referred the testimonials of Lay Delegates, report the following Churches to be represented, and the following Delegates elected, viz:

Hon. Rubert Strange,

Doctor T. N. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. John Huske, John W. Wright, Dr. A. J. De Rossett, William C. Lord, St. James's Church, Wilmington. James S. Green. Maurice Waddell,

Gen. Durant Hatch, Christ's Church, Newbern, James W. Bryan, Moses Jarvis, John C. Taylor, John C. Taylor,
William F. Hamilton, St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
Robert H. Smith, St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Luke Barbour, Christ's Church, Rowan. Eli Hoyt, St. Peter's Church, Washington.

John H. Norment, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

William E. Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange.

Of whom the following appeared, and took the Secretarian Robert Strange, R. H. Smith. J. C. Taylor, T. N. Cameron, John Huske, Richard Barbour, John W. Wright, J. W. Bryan, A. J. De Rossett, W. C. Lord, Eli Hoyt, John H. Norment, James S. Green W. E. Anderson.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, having accepted a pastoral charge in this Diocess, was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Avery, admitted to a seat and vote in this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Convention stands adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mott, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, from Isaiah, 65th chapter, 17th verse.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 23'

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Freeman.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

Maurice Waddell, Esq. a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared, and, on motion of Dr. A. J. De Rossett, was admitted a member of the Convention.

George E. Badger, Esq. presented the certificate of delegation from Christ's Church, Raleigh, and the following named therein as Delegates, appeared and were admitted members of the Convention: Messrs. George Badger, Gavin Hogg, and Leonidas Polk.

The Right Rev. Bishop then read his Annual Address, as follows:

My Brethren of this Convention:

Through the Divine mercy and goodness, we are permitted again to assemble in Council, for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in that portion of the Lord's vineyard more especially committed to our care and cultivation. It is a high and responsible trust, my brethren, and will therefore, I hope, be entered upon with a corresponding sense of its importance, and its various duties fulfilled with an eye single to his glory, who hath distinguished us, by imparting the Revelation of the mystery of God in Christ, for the salvation of the human race, and by calling us to the glorious hope which springs from the full and complete atonement of his most precious blood, and from the quickening power of His triumphant resurrection from the dead, who,

by the grace of God, tasted death for every man."

Encouraged by this ample and unrestricted provision of the love of God our Saviour, for a rebellious world; individuals and communities are warranted to put forth those exertions, and to forward those plans, and to enact those wise regulations, which experience, and a knowledge of the religious condition of those whom they represent, and of the community in general, shew to be expedient, but otherwise, could only be considered as presumptuous intrusions into the operations of a system of supreme rule, connected with moral obligation, yet incomprehensible by the faculties of the creatures, who are its subjects-irreconcileable with endeavor at spiritual improvement-and therefore to be passively submitted to, as the act of uncontroulable power-with the heart-sinking assurance, nevertheless, that its consequences involve the happiness or the misery of eternity, to every child of Adam. But as we have not so learned Christ," I trust, my Brethren, we can proceed to fulfil the duties of this annual assemblage with a cheerful confidence, that the blessing of God Almighty will give effect to our sincere endeavors to promote his glory, by disseminating the knowledge of his revealed will, to all within our reach, and by enforcing the obligations of his pure and undefiled Religion upon a race of fallen, but redeemed sinners.

That you may with the greater readiness and despatch, perform what is thus required of you, it is made my duty to lay before you such a view of the state of the Church in this Diocess, as my annual visit to its different congregations enables me to present, together with such other information as may assist your endeavours to promote its peace and prosperity. This I shall now proceed to communicate, avoiding the minute detail heretofore used, as tending needlessly to swell the Jour-

nal, and increase the expense of printing.

My course of visits for the summer commenced on the 10th of July, and embraced the congregations of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Christ's Church, Rowan, and St. Andrew's Church, Burke county, with the members of each of which congregations I remained from four to five days, in every case including Sunday, performing the usual public services, and mixing therewith such private admonition and exhortation, as the communication of their spiritual condition called for. The holy communion was regularly administered on each Lord's Day; and I have reason to be satisfied with the devout deportment of the communicants, and with the general attention of the members to the services of the Church. In each congregation I was assisted by their respective Pastors; and at St. Andrew's, by the additional services of the Rev. Mr. Wright, who accompanied me on that part of my tour of duty.

In the estimate I have been enabled to make from personal observation, of the religious condition of this section of the Diocess, there is reason to be thankful, that nothing has been observed or communicated, calculated to impair confidence in the sincerity of their Christian profession, who are recognized as communicants of the Church. But there is equal ground to regret, that with a few bright exceptions, that growth in grace, and advancement in the Christian life, which is the most autisfactory evidence of a true faith, is not as visible among them as might reasonably be expected. Nor would it be safe to state, that any material improvement in this respect has taken place, since my last annual visit.

Among the friends and supporters of the Church, who are not communicants, I have been gratified to perceive an increased attention to the subject of religion, manifested by a more constant and serious attendance upon the services of the Church, and by inquiries in conversation, which shew that the thoughts are so occupied with the subject, as to give the promise, through God's gracious blessing, of their entire servender of themselves to the influence of divine grace.

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With the usual services at Christ's Church, Rowan, was connected, on this visit, the consecration of the new building erected by the congregation for the service of Almighty God, as an Episcopal Church, which was duly performed on Sunday the 29th July, in the presence of a large concourse of people, the customary deed being executed by the members of the Vestry on the day previous. In the performance of this office, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and the Rev. Mr. Green, in addition to the regular Pastor of the Congregation, the Rev. Mr. Wright. The building is of framed work—60 feet by 40—plain, but convenient, and adds much to the comfort of this large body of wershippers, the second, in number of communicants, in the Diocess.

In the course of this visitation, I have baptised two adults, and five infants—confirmed eight persons—consecrated one Church—administered the Lord's Supper to one hundred and thirty-six communicants, including those yet to be mentioned—and catechised the children belonging to the congregations of Calvary and Christ's Church, who did credit to their instructors.

During my progress from one appointment to the next, and on my return home, I have officiated thrice. First, at Capt. Mills's, in Iredell county, where I preached and administered the holy communion to 16 persons, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Miller. This appointment was for the accommodation of Mrs. Mills, whose infirmities disable her from attending at Christ's Church, the distance being too great. Next, at a School House near the head of the Yadkin River, in the neighborhood of Col. Davenport and Gen. Lenoir, in the county of Wilkes, where the service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and a Sermon preached by myself to a small but attentive collection of the neighboring people. And again, at a Meeting House in the vicinity of Mocksville, in Rowan county, where divine service was again performed by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and I preached to an attentive, though not numerous, congregation.

Having here taken leave of the Rev. Mr. Wright, who was obliged to return to his charge in Salisbury, I embraced the opportunity, which the short distance from the place rendered favorable, to visit the sister Church of the Moravian Brethren, at Salem. To this I was induced by the desire to obtain information, from personal observation, and by the wish to manifest that regard for a body of Christian confessors, Episcopally derived and constituted, which Brethren of the same Family owe

to each other. These motives were frankly stated to their chief Pastor, Bishop Benaide, with the Presbyters and Deacons present, and the wish expressed, that as we were the only Episcopal Protestant Churches in the State, indeed in the United States, such Christian intercourse might be established between us, as was calculated to extend Christian fellowship, and every way consistent with independence, as distinct Ecclesiastical Bodies. This declaration was favorably received by the Bishop and his Clergy, and every attention shewed me, consistent with the extra services of a centenary commemoration of some remarkable event in their history.

I was much pleased with the neatness, simplicity, and uniformity of attire, and with the order and decorum, extending even to the children, which was exhibited by a very large congregation, and with which all the services were conducted; most favourably impressed with the fervent solemnity of manner and animated fluency of address, which marked the delivery of the Bishop's sermon on the occasion; and I have only to regret, that my ignorance of the German language, precluded the edification which, I doubt not, it contained. At the conclusion of the night service, we took leave of each other, with expressions of Christian regard, and with the desire on my part, of a more intimate acquaintance as Christian brethren.

My attention was next directed to the Northern border of the Diocess, comprising the congregations of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and of the Chapel, built by Mr. Cameron, in the eastern part of Orange county. I accordingly left Raleigh the last week in September, and to these congregations, and to as many of the individual members as my time would permit, the customary services were performed, the sacraments administered, and Christian counsel and exhortation supplied.

The public ordinances were as well attended as on former occasions; and in the Warrenton congregation, the administration of the Lord's Supper was rendered peculiarly affecting, by the circumstance, that the appointment was requested at this particular time, to meet the desire of the most numerous and influential family belonging to the Church in that place, for the last time, to unite with their brethren in that Holy

Ordinance, previous to their removal to the western country.

The consecration, also, of the new Chapel in Orange county, above mentioned, of which notice was given, served to draw out a larger collection of people than would otherwise have attended. The necessary deeds, therefore, being previously executed, the building, now neatly finished, was duly consecrated to the service of Almighty God, for the use of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the name of Salem Chapel, on Sunday the 7th day of October last. On this occasion, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wright of Salisbury, and by the Rev. Mr. Green, the Pastor of the Congregation.

As respects the religious improvement of the congregations, and the increase of the Church, in this quarter of the Diocess, but little that is favorable can be presented to your notice. In Warrenton and in Williamsborough, they have been deprived of regular services, since the decease of their former Pastor in October 1826. And though the few

members that are new left (in Warrenton entirely females) continue faithful, and unshaken in their attachment to the Church, they feel that their hope of being again supplied with the ordinances of God's house, is far distant, if not entirely cut off; and have learnt to apply to themselves the lamentation of the Prophet over Jerusalem, that "the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers."

In the congregation at Williamsborough, the prospect is not so dark. There is more ability, and with the ability, more disposition to make the effort to support a Clergyman, either singly, or in connection with another congregation; but their endeavors to procure one, have hitherto

proved unsuccessful.

At Salem Chapel, the services are supplied once a month, by the Rev. Mr. Green, to a small congregation, consisting chiefly of Mr. Cameron's own family; to the coloured portion of which, which is very numerous, he is laudably desirous to impart the knowledge and influence of divine truth, and for that purpose, he gives them the privilege of receiving instruction from the Rev. Mr. Green, adapted to their capacity, on the Saturday previous to the regular day of his attendance for public worship.

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During this visitation I have baptised one adult, administered the
Lord's Supper to 68 communicants, consecrated one place of public
worship, and examined the children of Mr. Cameron's family, on a pertion of Scripture given them as an exercise by their Teacher, on which

they acquitted themselves much to my satisfaction.

The season having arrived, when the resolution of the last Convention, relative to the Episcopal Fund, could be carried into effect, and the necessary arrangements being made with Mr. Hawks, the Agent of the Convention, and notices forwarded to the different congregations, I left Raleigh on the S1st October, and visited in succession the congregations in Fayetteville, Wilmington, Newbern, Greenville, Trinity Chapel, Washington, Bath, St. John's, Durham's Creek, Edenton, and Elizabeth City; in all of which the usual services were performed, with the assistance of the respective Pastors, and, after his Ordination, which took place in Christ's Church, Newbern, on Sunday the 18th of November, with that of the Rev. Mr. Hawks.

My private intercourse with the members of these different congregations, during this visitation, confirms very favorably the impression made by their devout and orderly attendance on the public ordinances, of their attachment to the Church, and of the influence of those pure and practical doctrines, which are exhibited in her different devotional offices, and inculcated from her pulpits. This influence, I have reason to believe, is advancing, if not rapidly, yet surely, in this section of the Diocess, where predilection for the Church of their fathers; though decayed, and dormant, from obvious causes, is not extinguished. And though some of the particular congregations remain nearly stationary in point of numbers, others, and those the more recent ones, present a gradual increase. This increase is derived, under the divine blessing, from extended knowledge and consideration of what the Church really is intended to subserve in the economy of grace, by the express appointment of Almighty God; it therefore presents encouragement to persevere in

spreading the knowledge of our primitive and distinctive doctrines and

principles more widely among the people.

The communicants maintain, without known reproach, their professed aubjection to the gospel; and in their visible deportment I have chiefly to desire, and I do desire it most vehemently, and inculcate it most earnestly, that a more decided separation from the fashionable vanities and unprofitable extravagancies of the non-professing part of the community, should mark their own deportment, and that of their families. This, I am grieved to say it, yet in faithfulness I must say it, is matter of just reproach to us, especially in our commercial towns; and operates with great effect against us, not only in general opinion, but in actually undermining religious principle, and in ultimately consigning those, who thus strive to serve two masters, to the miserable delusion, of "the form of Godliness, without the power thereof." From these considerations, and from their personal attachment to myself, (certainly a very inferior, yet an allowable motive,) of which, during this entire visitation, I have received proofs which put my gratitude and devotion to their best interests to the blush—I would fondly hope, that this truly unscriptural, oppressive, and every way ruinous accommodation with what we have all solemnly renounced, will be put away from us, as a people professing Godliness, and thereby deliver ourselves from a senseless and sinful thraldom to a tyrant custom—which brings leanness and death upon the soul, disease upon the body, poverty upon the circumstances, and crime upon the community.

At Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county, application being made for the consecration of the building, as the best mode, in the opinion of the vestry, to put a stop to the efforts of other denominations to have it thrown open for their accommodation-and the necessary deeds being executed—that service was performed, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of St. Peter's Church, Washington, and the Chapel solemnly consecrated to the service of Almighty God, as an Episcopal House of Worship, on Thursday the 22d of November.

At Elizabeth City also, the new Church erected in that place being so far finished as to accommodate the congregation, advantage was taken of this opportunity, to dedicate it to its proper use. The customary deed therefore being duly executed, the consecration of this neat and commodious building to the service of Almighty God, as an Episcopal Church, by the name of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, was regularly performed on Sunday the 9th of December; in which service I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the Pastor of the Church, and the Rev. Mr. Hawks. The consecration of a Church being an unusual thing, attracted a larger number of people than the building contain; and connected as it was, with the ordination of the Rev. ented a very impressive spectacle to those who witnessed it. we places where we have as yet no fixed congregations, but mave officiated heretofore, and during this visitation, very conencouragement is presented to our labors. Along the northern e Diocess, from Edenton westward, we have many friends, the ants of Episcopal families, who would hail with gladness the of the Church, where, in former days, there were flourishing congregations, now scattered and peeled away; and where there are yet many buildings standing, some of them in decent repair, and the exclusive property of the Episcopal Church, but now, and long, silent to the responses of her Liturgy. In the town of Windsor, in Bertie, in Scatland Neck, and in the town of Halifax, in particular, which were visited on this occasion, and in all of which I preached and baptised, we have already an interest which deserves to be cherished, and which promises well to reward whatever exertions we may be able to put forth. This is the true field for our missionary labour to be expended on; and could we succeed in obtaining suitable Missionaries, the deserted Temples would speedily be filled, and the voice of praise be again heard in their long silent courts.

In the course of this visitation I have baptised 1 adult and 21 children-confirmed 14 persons-administered the Lord's Supper to 290

communicants, and consecrated 2 places of public worship.

It was the original plan, to continue our journey to the western part of the Diocess without intermission. But from the circumstance, that several influential friends and members of the Church, in the lower country, were necessarily absent, attending the meeting of the Legislature, it was advised to alter the arrangement, in order to give the agent an opportunity of applying to them, and at the same time enable me to spend the approaching festival of Christmas with my congregation. From Halifax accordingly I returned to Raleigh, accompanied by the Agent, where we arrived on the 18th December.

Immediately after Christmas, the course of his first the particles to reach the different congregations. Heft Rates at the 10th of January, much indisposed, and in very inclement venter: Mr. Hawks declining to accompany me, being likewise indistriction that the 18th, but, his indisposition continuing, and the state of the weather still stery unfavorable, he here declined any further prosecution of his agency. This necessarily created some embarrassment in my proceedings; but as the notices were given, and no means to recall them, there being just time allowed to travel from place to place. I considered it, upon the whole, more to the interest of a future application to these congregations, should the Convention see fit to authorise it, to proceed on my journey.

Commencing with St. John's Church, Williamsborough, I visited on this occasion, the congregations of Salem and St. Mary's Chapels, Orange country. St. Marthew's Church, Hillsborough: Christ's Church, Rowan: St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, St. Paul's Chapel, Milton; and Emmanuel Church. Warrentor: in all of which Divine Service was performed. Sermons preached, and the ordinances of religion administered in the greater number, but from the continued unfavorable state of the weather, to comparatively small congregations. Ten persons, however, were confirmed, and the Lord's Supper administered to ninety-seven

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No change in the condition of the congregations which were visited during the Summer, requiring notice, presented itself. A difficulty was felt, at the period of this visit, as to the ability of St. Luke's Church,

Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan, to continue the stipulated salary to their Pastor, under the present pecuniary pressure, which threatened the loss of his valuable services to them, and to the Diocess. This difficulty, however, was happily surmounted for the present, by a new arrangement of the mode of contribution, and by most praiseworthy self denial on the part of the Rev. Mr. Wright, their Pastor. On this always delicate subject to a clergyman, the respective Vestries listened to my representations with attention; and the hope is entertained, that a more close consideration of the serious detriment it will be to all their prospects of religious advancement, and the complete sacrifice it will occasion of the sums expended in erecting their respective places of worship, (that in Salisbury being a spacious and handsome brick building, then covered in, and now nearly finished,) together with a more correct and enlarged view of the bounden dury of all Christian people, to provide for the support of religion through its Ministers, will keep the two congregations united, and their present Pastor occupied with, and useful and comfortable in his present charge.

Of the congregations which were not visited in the Summer, that of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, presents a favorable aspect, from additions made to the number of communicants on the present visit, and in the promise of future increase, from the pains taken in training the younger members of the Church in the way they should go. While that of St. Mary's Chapel, in the vicinity, presents a striking lesson of the injury which is sure to follow the neglect of this duty; the younger branches of the old and most established Episcopal families, having wandered off into other folds, or declined altogether from the profession and practice of religion, have left that congregation little more than the name. The services, nevertheless, are regularly performed there once a month to the few who remain, but, as I am given to understand, with-

out much prospect of increase.

The remote situation of St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, from any other Episcopal congregation—their real inability to support a Clergyman, and the consequent privation of any but occasional services, under which they labour, have not hitherto been able to shake their attachment to the Church. This, with the affectionate regard manifested towards myself, makes that little flock the object of much, though as yet of unavailing solicitude. The Rev. Mr. Green having the disposal of the fifth Sundays in the year, applies them to the edification of this congregation.

Having thus laid before you, the course of my official labours during the past Conventional year, it remains that I notice such other particulars connected with the Diocess, as are considered necessary for this body to be informed of, to enable them to fulfil their duty to their con-

stituents.

The Ordinations during the year have been four—of the Rev. Mr. George W. Freeman, to the holy office of Priests, in Christ's Church, Newbern, on Sunday the 20th May, during the sitting of the Convention. Of the Rev. Mr. James H. Otey, also to the holy order of Priests, on Sunday the 17th June, in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, on testimonials from Christ's Church, Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, which were approved by the Standing Committee of this Diocess, and on a title from the said congregation, in compliance with the 13th

Of Mr. Francis L. Hawks, a ca Canon of the General Convention. didate for orders in this Diocess, who was admitted to the holy order of Deacons, in Christ's Church, Newbern, on Sunday the 18th November. Of Mr. Jarvis B. Buxton, also a candidate for Orders in this Diocess, who was admitted to the holy order of Deacons, in Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, on Sunday the 9th December.

The four following buildings have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, the three first of which are newly erected, viz: Christ's Church, Rowan; Christ's Church, Elizabeth City; Salem Chapel, Orange,

and Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.

The following Clergymen have removed from the Diocess, for reas

approved of by me.

The Rev. Mr. Henry M. Mason, to the Diocess of Connecticut. The Rev. Mr. Adam Empie, to the Diocess of Virginia-being called to the Presidency of the College of William and Mary in that State. The Rev. Richard S. Mason, to the Diocess of Pennsylvania. And the Rev. Mr. Francis L. Hawks to the Diocess of Connecticut.

The Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott has removed into the Diecess, with letters dimissory from the Bishop of the Eastern Diocess, the Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., and is now in charge of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

The Rev. Philip B. Wiley has removed from his charge of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, to that of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton has accepted the charge resigned by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and I have found it necessary to resign the charge of Christ's Church, Raleigh, and to accept that of St. John's Church, Williamsborough. There is consequently but one additional vacancy to those previously existing, viz; the congregation of Christ's Church, Newbern, which it is hoped the zeal and ability of that people will speedily supply. And I have the satisfaction to be informed, that the congregation in Raleigh have already secured the services of a Clergyman.

On the removal of the Rev. Henry M. Mason from St. John's Church, Fayetteville, I commissioned Mr. Robert Strange, Mr. John W. Wright, and Mr. Charles T. Haigh, to act as Lay Readers therein, on the request of the congregation. And on the removal of the Rev. Mr. Empie from St. James's Church, Wilmington, Dr. A. J. De Rossett, Mr. Jan S. Green, and Mr. William C. Lord, were in like manner appointed to

that office, by request of the congregation.

There is but one candidate for orders, at present in the Diocess. With respect to those subjects in which this Diocess is interested in common with all the others, there occurs to my recollection but one, which requires to be noticed. That is, the propositions submitted by the General Convention to the several State Conventions, on the subject of the Liturgy. These were laid before the last Convention, and printed with the Journal, for general information; with the understanding, that the proper time for the discussion of the question, would be the Convention of 1829. This, I still think, will be the proper course; and the subject is now brought forward, in order to guard against the possible inadvertence of determining upon all the propositions by the view taken of any one of them;—a case considered very possible, from the preponderance, in general estimation, of the discretion proposed to be

allowed in the use of the prescribed form of Morning and Evening Prayer. I would therefore take leave, in this way, to remind this body, and through them the members of the Church, that there are three distinct propositions submitted. One is the discretion above mentioned -another is, a similar discretion, as to the use of the proposed substitute for the existing preface, and first Collect, in the office of Confirmation and the third is, the amendment of the phraseology of the Rubric at the end of the Communion office, so as to remove alleged ambiguity, and thereby enforce the regular performance of the ante-Communion service. As either of these propositions may be adopted or rejected, inde-pendent of the others, they should therefore be considered and acted upon, according to the views entertained of their several effects upon the welfare of the Church. And as the alarm has already been sounded, in an anonymous publication, that the proposed substitutes in the office of Confirmation, cover the design "to impose new doctrines upon the Church, and heavy burthens on the consciences of her members," it behoves us to give the subject the most serious investigation. ther the consequences denounced, do really flow from the source to which they are attributed, may very justly be questioned, but there ought to be no question as to the intention of the Right Reverend pro-Though myself opposed, from the beginning, to all the propositions but the last, and aware, from experience, that the principle of conciliation, on which the whole proceeding was constructed, was hopeless in effect; and warning my brethren who were in favor of it, that it would minister occasion for contention, rather than for agreement, I yet feel constrained to declare my full conviction, that no other motive was present, than a sincere desire to accommodate-to promote peace and harmony within, and remove objection without, the pale of the Church. Let them be considered, then, on their merits as affecting the welfare of the Church, neither deluded or deterred by the ebullitions of that baleful party spirit, which throws so deep a gloom over the otherwise happy condition, and favorable prospects, of the general Church.

The sudden and violent death of Dr. Kemp, the late Bishop of Maryland, by the overturning of a stage coach, may not, perhaps, be considered of such general interest, as to call for formal notice from me. Yet in the removal of a tried and faithful guardian of the rights and interests of the Church, and an able defender of her pure and primitive principles, all Churchmen must feel so much interest, I presume, as to permit the regard entertained for his public and private worth, by a

friend and brother, to be in this manner recorded.

It now remains to suggest to your consideration, such measures as I think are called for, by the present circumstances and future interests

of the Diocess.

Judging it of importance, that the deeds of dedication and surrender, on which the pecopal places of worship in this Diocess have been consecrated to the articular use, should be carefully preserved, I would propose to this Convention to provide for their safe keeping. At present, they are left, I believe, in the hands of the persons who have made the conveyance, or with the Clergyman, and are thus in danger of being lost, or of being diverted from their proper use, as evidences of title. The Secretary of the Convention, could we have a permanent one, not

a member of this body, would be the proper depository of all our records. I therefore submit the propriety of endeavoring to make such an arrangement.

From the exhibition of the state of the Diocess, there is abundant cause, I think, for an increased sense of gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God, for the continuance of so much of his favor to our unworthiness; for it must also be evident, that notwithstanding the gradual increase of our places of public worship, and of the professing members and communicants in the Church, there is not such an increase of vital piety, generally, as a sincere and earnest use of the means of grace, for the space of another year, ought to manifest. This is what I long to see, my dear brethren, what I labor to inculcate, and what I pray that I may be favored with, as the highest gratification, whether I be permitted to continue, or be removed from you.

But no resolution of this body can produce this blessed effect; though all their councils should be directed to it as the end to be attained. must be the fruit of individual resolution, in humble dependence on Divine grace, to amend our ways—and of sincere and prayerful endeavor, to "walk worthy of our high calling," "considering the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls." If we come short of this, it will be worse than in vain, that we have built and consecrated Churches, and employed Ministers, and heard Sermons, and consulted for the advancement of our Zion, "making a fair show in the flesh." Advantages un-

improved, will the more deeply condemn us.

Let me therefore recommend, above all, the cultivation of personal religion, in a more earnest study and meditation of the word of life-a more frequent acquaintance with your closets, for private prayer-s deeper repentance, and truer amendment of the life, by self denial, and separation from the world. Be not afraid, my brethren, of being thought singular. The person who has not the courage to be singular, that is, to be separate from the deportment of the non-professing and ungodly around him, is not worthy of Christ, and cannot obtain the unspeakable benefit of his precious blood shedding. As the world declines from God, and gives itself up more and more to the ruler of its darkness, no matter how decently this may be done-let not the Christian follow. be still more singular, more separate, drawing nearer and nearer to God, wrapping himself up, in the love, and the power, and the mercy of God, in Christ Jesus, as the only safeguard against its alluring but destructive deceits. Thus shall "the work of faith be fulfilled with power," "and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In conclusion, permit me to advert for a moment to the subject of the

Episcopate.

The liberality of the friends of the Church has put it in your power, within an assignable limit, to secure the support of your Bishop, independent of Parochial charge. This, in my judgment, and according to my experience, is indispensible to an effective superintendance of this Diocess, small as it is in point of numbers—whatever may be the case in any other.

Give me leave therefore to recommend, that your views be directed exclusively to the attainment of this object, by the annual accumulation the proceeds of the fund, until it reaches an amount, the interest of ich will be adequate to the independent and respectable support of ir Diocesan.

With respect to myself—if I may be allowed to allude to such a subt—my wish is, that no regard for my personal accommodation may allowed to interfere with such an arrangement. Indeed, a little retion will shew, that nothing really efficient can now be done, withthrowing back what I consider your main object, to a very remote tance. Before the whole of the new subscription will be available, probability is very strong that I shall be removed from you. Every r has given its warning to my decaying body—and this last the loud-

I therefore think and speak upon the subject, apart from any intete but that of the Diocess, and earnestly recommend, that you fix your ention, rather on the ultimate, than on the immediate application of Fund. Some doubt may perhaps be entertained, as to the willings of the congregations to continue the assessment, when possessed of und producing an equal amount. But when they are informed, as y will be by the Journal, that this course is pursued in order to proe the real and lasting welfare of the Diocess, in the efficiency of the scopate, it will secure, I trust, a cheerful acquiescance in the contince of the assessment for my salary. And while I am able to serve arish, in addition to the duties of the Diocess—and a parish shall be ling to receive my broken services—I am content to make up what necessary to my support, in this way. And when this shall fail, or or infirmity forbid its continuance—my confidence is strong in the cious providence of my Heavenly Master, and in that affectionate ard, to the exercise of which, I am so deep a debtor to my Diocess. now commit you to His guidance, from whom alone, "all holy des, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed."

leferred to the Committee on the State of the Church, .he Parochial Reports were then called for, and presented, as follows:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Baptisms,		-	-	•	3 infants.
Communicants,		-	•	-	16
Catechumens,		-	-	•	18
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Families composing the congregation, here have been no deaths this year.

o perceptible change in the condition of this congregation has taken e, up to the time of my leaving it in March last. The attendance members upon the public services has been regular, and their dement orderly and devout. No addition to the number of communits has taken place during the past year; but there is the satisfaction now, that several have become impressed with a more serious sense his obligation upon all who desire to obtain the benefit of Christ's the and are earnestly engaged in preparing to surrender themselves to the condition of the condition of

the members of that congregation are exposed, and the very interrupted, and consequently inefficient, services, with which they have hitherto been supplied. Great satisfaction was derived from the interest manifested by the young persons composing the Catechetical class, and from the rapid progress several of them were making in the knowledge of the first principles of the doctrine of Christ.

JNO. S. RAVENSCROFT, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Baptism,	•	•	-	•	1 infant.
Communicants,		•	-	-	15
Families compos	sing the	congre	gation,	-	13

Having so recently taken charge of this congregation, I can only report generally, that nothing unfavorable to their Christian standing, has been perceived. There are some bright examples of Christian conversation among the communicants, and their constancy, under an almost entire privation of Ministerial services for upwards of a year, with the exertions made by so small a number to maintain a Clergyman, give the best assurance of their attachment to the Church.

As the members reside at various distances from the Church, from one to ten miles, regular attendance is frequently interrupted, as to some, but the orderly and devout deportment exhibited, testify that the fear of God is before their eyes.

JNO. S. RAVENSCROFT, Pastor.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, Rector.

Baptisms,	•	-	-	-	-	5 3
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants.		-	-	-	-	134

This parish continues to flourish. Its present situation is much the same as when left by its late esteemed Rector, the Rev. Mr. Empie. There are, however, some hopeful appearances of a growing seriousness and attention to religion. During the past year four of the communicants have died; one has left the State; two have withdrawn; and five have been added, leaving the number above specified. Last Autumn five were confirmed. There is also a Sabbath School, consisting of about 90 scholars and catechumens, most of whom are children.

This parish, besides making up its full quota to the Contingent Fund, and Episcopate, has contributed thirty-six dollars and fifty cents to the Missionary Society. The Episcopal Working Association of Wilmington has also contributed fifteen dollars to the same, which, together with Dr. De Rosset's annual subrcription of two dollars, amounts in all to fifty these dollars.

to fifty-three dollars and fifty cents.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Minister.

Baptisms, (infan	ts,)	•	-	-	-	9
Confirmed by th	e Bi	shop, in I	March,	-	•	1
Communicants,		•	-	-	-	50
Burials,	-	-	-	-	•	2

The Minister of this Church entered upon the duties thereof in January last. Since that time he has laboured but partially, and very inefficiently, in consequence of debility produced by long and continued indisposition. Yet he trusts his labours have not been entirely unprofitable. A Sunday School Society has been organized and united to the "General Union;" and it promises to be sufficient for the necessary purposes of the Sunday School; which now numbers about 80 scholars, most of whom regularly receive instruction in the Catechism. The number of communicants is much less than was reported at the last Convention. This is owing to some error in that report, the increase being greater than the decrease. There have been seven added, while only two have died, and one has withdrawn. On the whole, there is reason to indulge the pleasing hope, that under much of discouragement, the number of the congregation is increasing, and that the professors of Godliness are "pressing towards the mark for the prize of their high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Collected for the Episcopate of 1827–28, - \$110
And for the Contingent Fund, - - 25

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms—adult,	-	-	-	-	1	
childre	-	-	-	11		
In W	indsor,	-	-	-	1-	-13
Communicants,	•	-	•	-	-	32
Burials, -	•	-	•	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	5
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This congregation has been somewhat diminished in number, by death, removal, and other circumstances, during the year. In other respects, its situation is improved. A Sunday School has been established on the plan of the Sunday School Union of the Church, which numbers about 50 scholars, and is in a flourishing state. A Working Society for pious uses has been instituted by the Ladies of the congregation, and has the prospect of being conducive to the interests of the Church. The Rector of this Church, and the Rev. Mr. Buxton, perform occasional services at the village of Hartford, in Perquimons county. A few individuals have associated themselves together, and are desirous of being instructed in the doctrines of the Church. The permanency of this little flock, and its increase, must depend on the reception of the Gospel into their hearts, and the exhibition of it in their lives.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Deacon.

Communi	cants.	-	-	-	-	12
Baptisms-		•	-	-	•	6
•	infant,	-	•	-	-	20—26
Burials.	•	-	-	-	-	3

It is believed that a spirit of serious inquiry pervades the Congregation, and an increasing disposition to maintain good works. A Sunday School connected with this Church has been organized, where about 60 children are taught to remember their Creator. Arrangements are making to associate this School with the Church Union.

Parochial Report of the Rev. W. M. Green.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

	Baptisms,	-	•	-	S infants.
	Confirmations,	•	-	-	2
	Marriage,	-	•	-	1
	Deaths,	-	-	•	2 infants.
	Communicants.		•	-	26-2 added-1 removed.
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Lay reading has been well attended.

The Sunday School of this congregation has lately been remodelled upon the plan recommended by the Committee of our Sunday School Union, and their books and method of instruction have been adopted. The Rector of this Church hopes for much good from this School, as it is under the tuition of able and pious teachers, and as the books and system of instruction are now altogether such as we have long wished them to be. The number of teachers is 7—scholars 44.

The Rector's Bible Class has doubled its number since the last report, and continues attentive. This exercise, it is hoped, has not been with-

out profit to both teacher and scholar.

The Ladies' Working Society have continued during the last year to ply their needles diligently in the service of the Church. From the profits of their industry a sufficient sum has been raised to defray the expense of erecting a tower to our Church.

The catechumens of the congregation are regularly examined on the

afternoon of the third Sunday in each month, and continue more and more to recommend the zeal and fidelity with which they are trained, in the Sunday School.

Although the numerical increase of this congregation, since the last Convention, has been small, yet the Rector still flatters himself that the cause of the Church in this quarter is on the advance.

ST. MARY'S, ORANGE COUNTY.

Communicants, 16-1 died-1 removed. It is matter of deep regret to the Rector of this congregation, to be compelled to state its unimproved condition. The services of the Sabbath have not been well attended during the last year; and none have been added to its altar. But with the help of God it is still hoped that another year's careful culture may make it a less unfruitful portion of the vineyard.

SALEM CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

This is a congregation consisting mostly of the family of Judge Cameron, to which I minister on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month. The communicants at this place are included in the report of St. Mary's congregation.

The building in which we meet for worship at this place, was consecrated in October last, under the name of Salem Chapel. It is neat and commodious in its construction, and has been erected by the pious liberality of the individual just mentioned.

I have performed the marriage ccremony, and baptised two infants, in Granville county since the last Convention.

Milton has been visited as heretofore on the fifth Sunday of every third

month.

Baptisms at this place, 6 children. Marriage,

It is truly desirable that this congregation should obtain the services of a Missionary. They deserve to be remembered in our deliberations, for the unshaken attachment with which they cling to the Church, in the midst of many trials and privations.

W. M. GREEN.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, Rector.

Burials,	-	-	-	-	9
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	1
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	22 children.
Confirmations,		-	-	-	2
Communicante		_	_	_	42

Since the last report of the late lamented Rector, two have died, six

have removed, and ten have been added to the communion.

The Sunday School attached to this congregation is in a prosperous condition. It is diligently and perseveringly conducted by a competent number of Superintendents and Teachers, and contains 56 scholars, about two-thirds of which are examined and catechised by the Rector, twice a month. A Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the "Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union," having been lately instituted, the School is beginning to be furnished with the books published, and to be conducted on the plan recommended, by that Institution.

In the early part of the last year, a very neat set of communion plate was presented to the Church by the female communicants; and more recently, the liberality of the Congregation has been manifested, in the purchase, at an expense of \$800, of a handsome and well-toned organ,

which is now, through the zeal of several female amateurs, regularly

used in the services of the sanctuary.

A Working Society for benevolent and religious purposes has lately been formed by a large number of the ladies of the congregation, which, judging from the industry manifested in its operations, and the success which has thus far attended it, is likely to become available for extensive usefulness.

This congregation has not only made up the deficiency of the last year, but contributed its full quota of the present year's assessment for the Episcopal support and the contingent expenses of the Convention.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

Burials, -		-	-	•	4		
Baptisms—adult	1, childr en (В,	-	-	9		
Communicants,	-	•	-	-	18		
Since the last report,	4 have died,	and	12 hav	ve been	added	to	the
communion.							

The services of the Church are, in general, well attended here, and it is believed there is an increasing seriousness in the congregation.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Burial,	-	-	-	•	1
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	5 children
Confirmation,		-	-	-	1
Communicants	١	-		_	14

This congregation is serious, attentive, and much attached to the doctrines and worship of our Church. For the last six months, they have

had the benefit of divine service one week-day in the month.

Both the deficit of the last year and the whole sum assessed for the present year, on this congregation, for the Contingent Fund and the Episcopal support, have been promptly and cheerfully paid.

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Buriai, -	•	•	•	-	-	1	
Baptisms-3 wl	nite, S	colored	childre	n,	-	8	
Communicants,		-	-	•	-	6	
nce the last report	one o	communi	cant ha	s died.	and three	new	Ωħ

Since the last report one communicant has died, and three new ones have been added.

By the zeal of two respectable individuals, a father and his daughter, a Sunday School has been commenced, under favorable auspices. It consists already of SO scholars, and is increasing.

ZION CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Burials, -	-	•	•	-	2
Baptisms-adults 2,	children 4,		-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	16

The members of this congregation, living, generally, between Washington and Bath, usually attend divine service at one or the other of those places, where, also, they receive the communion.

ST. JAMES'S, GREENVILLE, PITT COUNTY.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	•	-	none.
Baptisms, Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants.		•	-	-		4

The congregation here is small, consisting of a few gentlemen resident in town, and two families in the country, one of which lives at the distance of 17 miles. There is but one communicant living in town.

The proportion due by this congregation for the Episcopal support, and the Contingent Fund, both for the last and the present year, has been paid.

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Confirmed,	-	•	-	-	•	2
Baptisms,	-	-	•	•	-	2
Communicants,		-	•	•	-	12
Marriage.	_	_	_	_	_	1

This congregation consists of eight families. There is a Sunday School attached to the congregation, composed of 5 teachers and 30

The Rector having accepted the charge in another Church, will be compelled to resign.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector.

Baptisms in Sal	isbury,	-	-	-	4	
Do. at Christ's	Church,		-	-	18	17
Marriages,	•	•	•	•	-	S
Burials,	•	-	-	-	-	S
Communicants,		-	-	-	-	18
Catechumens,	-	-	-	-	-	12
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Class of adults on Evidences of Christianity, &c. 8
Collected for Bishop's Fund, \$50. From Christ's Church, \$30.
The situation and prospects of the parish have not materially improved since my last report. Little, indeed, of religious contents apparents of the content of the rent, and there is in general a neglect of the holy obligations of the Christian profession. Yet I am not without hope, in some instances, that the God of all grace hath confirmed and strengthened believers in their faith, and that he will ere long add to the number. Our house of prayer will be ready for consecration whenever the Bishop and some other of the Clergy can visit us.

The ladies of the congregation having formed themselves into a Society to procure funds for religious purposes, have made to the Church several valuable presents.

I have relinquished the charge of Christ's Church, and I fear that

there is little prospect of obtaining a Minister soon.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, the committee appointed at the last Convention to inquire into the expediency of so regulating the, meetings of the Convention that they be held in the Eastern and West-

ern sections of the State, alternately, were discharged.

The following named were appointed the Committee of Finance:
Messrs. Gavin Hogg, R. Strange, G. E. Badger, Dr. A. J. De Rosset,

and John Huske.

John W. Wright, Esquire, Treasurer of the Convention, made his Report, and also handed in the Report of the Rev. F. L. Hawks, Agest

Report, and also handed in the Report of the Rev. F. L. Hawks, Agest for the Episcopal Fund. Referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Resolved, that the Standing Committee consist of three Clerical and two Lay Delegates. Where-upon the following were elected said Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, and Mott, of the Clergy; Messrs. Gavin Hogg and George E. Badger of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. W. M. Green, the Convention stands adjourned to A colored P. M. of this day.

ed to 4 e'clock P. M. of this day.

Morning Service by the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from 9th chapter of Lake, 26th verse.

4 o'CLOCK, The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and on unged tion of the Rev. W. M. Green, proceeded to the election of Delegate at to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. V Thereps, the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, Mott, and Wiley, of the Cle. 177, and Messrs. Josiah Collins, Gavin Hogg, George E. Badger, and Laryands Polk, of the Laity, were duly elected.

On motion, Resolved, that a select committee, consisting of two Caler

gymen and two Laymen, be appointed to inquire and report to this Carvention, whether any, and if any, what, alterations are necessary in the seventh Article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocess, relating to the mode of appointing the Standing Committee, or of filling va-

cancies therein.

Whereupon the following were appointed said committee: Rev. Messrs. Avery and Mott, of the Clergy; Messrs. George E. Badger and Wm. C. Lord, of the Laity.

On motion of Rev. W. M. Green, leave of absence for the remainder

of the session of this Convention, was granted to Mr. Richard Barbour, the Delegate from Christ's Church, Rowan county.

The Committee to whom it was referred to inquire if any alterations, and if any, what, are necessary to be made in the seventh article of the Constitution, having had the same under their consideration, Report,

That they recommend the adoption of the following resolution accompanying this report, entitled, "A resolution to amend the seventh article of the Constitution."

JOHN AVERY, Ch'n.

"Resolution to amend the seventh article of the Constitution. "Resolved, (two-thirds of the attending Members of the present annual meeting of the Convention concurring,) That the seventh article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocess be amended by adding thereto the words following, to wit:

And the Bishop of the Diocess for the time being, shall have power to fill all vacancies by death, removal, or otherwise, in the Standing Committee, which shall happen or exist during the recess of the Con-

vention."

On motion of John Huske, Esq., Resolved, that the foregoing report and resolution be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Convention then adjourned to Saturday 9 o'clock A. M., on mo-

tion of the Rev. Mr. Green.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Mott, from 20th chapter of Revelations, 12th and 13th verses.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1828.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Gavin Hogg, Esq., Resolved, that a committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be appointed to inquire what compensation shall be made to the Rev. Francis L. Hawks for his servicos rendered in the mission to obtain new subscriptions for the support of the Episcopate, according to the resolution of the last Convention.

The following were appointed the committee: Rev. G. W. Freeman, of the Clergy; Messrs. Gavin Hogg and John W. Wright, of the Laity. On motion of the Rev. W. M. Green, the order of the day was called for and indefinitely postponed.

*The Committee appointed to inquire what compensation shall be ade to the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, for his services rendered in the mission to obtain new subscriptions for the support of the Episcopate, how Report, That the expenses of the Rev. F. L. Hawks, on the mission, inclusive of his journey to and from Connecticut, amounting to \$150, have been paid by the Treasurer of this Convention; and your committee recommend, that in addition to said sum of \$150, that \$100 be paid to the order of the Rev. F. L. Hawks. And the committee furer resommend, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the

Rev. F. L. Hawks, for the zeal and ability with which he executed the important and delicate agency committed to him by the Convention. GEO. W. FREEMAN, Ch'n."

The report being accepted, the following resolution was unanimously

adopted:

Resolved, That, according to the report of the special committee, the thanks of this committee be tendered to the Rev. F. L. Hawks for the zeal and ability with which he executed the agency committed to him by the last Convention, in the mission to obtain contributions to the support of the Episcopate; and that in addition to the \$150 paid for his expenses on the mission, he be allowed the further sum of \$100, to be paid by the Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion of Dr. De Rosset, Resolved, that two additional members be added to the Standing Committee, one of whom only shall be a Layman, constituting a body of seven, any three of whom shall be a quorum to transact the business thereof, provided two of said quorum be Cleri-

cal members.

The following named were appointed under said resolution, viz: Rev. Thomas Wright of the Clergy, and Hon. Robert Strange of the Laity.

On motion, Resolved, that the next meeting of this Convention shall be held in the Town of Salisbury, on the Saturday after the 3d Monday of May, 1829.

The Committee on the State of the Church now reported as follows,

viz:

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church, having duly considered the several subjects which claimed their attention,

Respectfully Report,

That of the twenty-three regular Congregations which compose the Diocess, eighteen only have reported themselves to the Convention. And although a review of the Bishop's Journal and the Parochial Reports, affords evidence of but little numerical increase, yet the general aspect of the Diocess is such as to make us bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to encourage us to labour with renewed and

redoubled exertion in his vinevard.

Your committee have observed with pleasure the zealous efforts which have been made for two or three years past, and particularly within the last, in behalf of Sunday Schools and Catechetical instruction. In nearly every parish in which there is a Clergyman, there appear to be a Sunday School Society, a Sunday School, and a Class of Catechumens. And it is with pleasure we perceive also that these Sunday School Societies have for the most part united themselves with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and have adopted the books and the system of instruction recommended by its committee. And we would ere beg leave to remark of that institution, we mean the Protestant Episcopal Sanday School Union, that it is, in the view of your committee. eminently calculated to promote the dearest interests of our Church; and from the specimen of the books and plan of instruction recommended by them, and now laid before the public, we hesitate not to commend it to the countenance and patronage of every member of our Church

who is desirous of seeing the rising generation trained up in the faith of their fathers, and made wise unto eternal life.

Connected with Sunday Schools, we have noticed, in most of the parishes, classes for catechetical learning, for instruction in the Scriptures, in the evidences of Christianity, and in the doctrines and discipline of the Church,-and we hail them as further evidences that our people are awakening to a proper sense of what they owe to God, to themselves, and to that Church which has received them within her pale.

In noticing the various institutions which hold out the promise of good to the Church, we cannot omit to mention those female associations of industry, which, in many of our congregations, are labouring with their own hands to build up the cause of God. It appears from several of the Parochial Reports, that much good has already been effected by them, and that the example of their industry, their close Christian intercourse, and their devotion to the welfare of the Church, independently on the proceeds of their labour, produces a most salutary effect upon each Congregation respectively.

A review of the Bishop's Journal shews more and more plainly, the great want of missionary labour; but your Committee rejoice at the prospect now before them, of having this want at least measurably sup-

An examination of the Parochial Reports, in connection with the Jour-

nal of the Bishop, presents the following result:

Baptisms during the last year, **S**2 Confirmations, Sunday Scholars, 440 Communicants, 432

The number of Sunday Scholars and Communicants here stated, is of course considerably less than the real number in the Diocess—owing to there being no Parochial Reports, for the past year, from two of our

largest, and several of the smaller congregations.

There have been four Ordinations since the last Convention; two having been admitted to the order of Priests, and two to that of Deacons.

Four Clergymen have removed out of the Diocess; one has been received, and another is engaged shortly to settle amongst us.

There is but one Candidate for Orders at this time.

Four Churches have been consecrated, three of which have recently been erected.

For further particulars, we refer the members of this Convention, and of the Diocess, to the Parochial Reports, and to the truly interesting Journal of the Bishop.

On the subject of the propositions submitted by the last General Convention to the several State Conventions, your Committee concur with the Bishop in recommending, that they lay over for consideration until

our next annual meeting.

With regard to the proposed appointment of a permanent Secretary to the Convention, who shall not be a member of that body, your Committee, after due deliberation, do not deem it expedient to recommend

any alteration in the mode of electing a Secretary heretofore pursued.
In conclusion, your Committee would observe, that owing to the removal of the Clerical part of the Standing Committee out of the Diocess. no report of that Committee will be made to this Convention. It appears, however, that the only business transacted by them, has been to recommend Mr. John H. Norment as a Candidate for Orders, and to receive the testimonials of the Rev. Messrs. Geo. W. Freeman, James H. Otey, Francis L. Hawks, and Jarvis B. Buxton, and to recommend the former two to the order of Priests, and the latter two to that of

Your Committee respectfully propose the following resolutions to the

consideration of the Convention

Resolved, That this Convention do view with pleasure the zealous and efficient labours of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and do hereby commend that institution to

the patronage and prayers of the Diocess.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be authorised and requested to receive and safely keep, all such deeds and surrenders of Churches, &c. as already have been, or hereafter may be, executed in favor of this Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. GREEN, Ch'n.

Which, on motion of John W. Wright, Esq. was laid on the table. On motion of W. C. Lord, Esq. the Convention stands adjourned for Divine Service to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, from 3d chapter of Genesis, 19th verse.

During the service the ordinance of Baptism was administered to one infant, and the rite of Confirmation to four persons.

4 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of James W. Bryan, Esq., Resolved, that a committee, consisting of four Lay Delegates, be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan whereby the Right Reverend Bishop of this Diocess, may be discharged from the performance of parochial duties, and report the same to this Convention.

The following were appointed said Committee: Messrs. James W.

Bryan, W. C. Lord, Thomas N. Cameron, and Eli Hovt.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church being now called up, on motion of the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Resolved, that the report be accepted.

On motion of James W. Bryan, Esq. leave of absence was granted to Mr. John C. Taylor, a Delegate from St. John's Church, Williamsbo-

rough, for the remainder of the session of this Convention

The Right Rev. President, from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, presented the following Report, which, on motion of the Roy. Mr. Elliott, was laid over until Monday:

The Buard of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Diocess of North Carobac, report to this ConventionThat during the past year, the applications for Missionary labor have in unavailing, though the sum offered as compensation was increased

six hundred dollars per annum.

Their efforts to obtain this very necessary assistance have not, howebeen abandoned. Through the different Clergymen who have reved from this Diocess to the North, application is yet making to obit; and in order to obviate the objection, so generally, but in its
ree, so erroneously, entertained respecting our climate—they are
horised to stipulate for the removal of the Missionary, from the lower
the upper country, before the commencement of what is considered
sickly season.

t is with much reluctance that the Board finds itself obliged to report entire failure of any benefit to the Church, from the services of the r. O. V. Howell, who was employed as a Missionary for six months, he counties of Edgecombe, Halifax, Martin, and Bertie, during the year. From some cause, not satisfactorily ascertained, this Missiary left the section of country to which he was appointed, before expiration of the period for which he was engaged, without making

report of his labours.

The Board of Managers are so fully aware of the importance of Misnary services to the advancement of the Church in this Diocess, that y deeply lament their want of success hitherto, and deplore that apato the necessities of this portion of the general Church, which turns eaf ear to all their offers and solicitations. But the Board deplores I more deeply, the small prospect of relief to this want, which the cess itself presents, there being only one Candidate for Orders at sent on the list. Over this, however, as the Board has no control, an only entreat, that the earnest prayers of the whole Church may added to theirs—that the Lord of the Vineyard would be graciously ased to pour out upon us, such a spirit of zeal for the advancement his kingdom, as shall raise up labourers for the harvest, from among selves,—the Board being experimentally convinced, that native Misnaries, and a native Clergy, are best calculated to give increase and sility to the combined interests of religion and of the Church in this cess.

The Officers of the Society for the present year consist of the followpersons:

Right Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, President.

Dr. A. J. De Rosset,
Josiah Collins,
Moses Jarvis,
John W. Wright, Treasurer.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Secretary.

Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft,
Rev. Mr. Avery,
Rev. Mr. Green,
Rev. Mr. Green,
Rev. Mr. Green,
Rev. Mr. Wiley,

All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. S. RAVENSCROFT, Pres²t.

On motion, Resolved, that the Bishop be authorised to collect all deeds and conveyances of Churches, &c. in this Diocess, and, when received, to transmit them to the Treasurer for safe keeping.

On motion of Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, the Convention stands ad-

journed to Monday 9 o'clock A. M.

In the evening, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, 24th chapter Acts of the Apostles, 25th verse.

Sunday morning, Divine Service performed by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Green, 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel, 16th verse. Mr. John H. Norment was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacon, and the Communion administered to about 64

recipients.

Sunday afternoon, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. John H. Norment, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, 1st Epistle of Peter, 4th chapter, 17th and 18th verses.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. G. W. Freeman, and a Sermon preached for the benefit of the Missionary Society, by the Rev. Mr. Avery, 9th chapter Paul's 2d Epistle to the Corinthians, 6th verse, and a collection taken up, amounting to \$48 65.

Monday, May 26.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Norment.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Managers for the Missionary Society was called for and read, and, on motion of Mr. Green, was accepted.

Mr. Hogg, from the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

The Committee of Finance have taken into consideration the several matters committed to them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

The accounts submitted to the present Convention by their Treasurer

have been examined, and found to be correct.

The increase and security of the fund for the support of the Episcopate has engaged much of the attention of your Committee, and it seems to them, that little can be done for its increase, in addition to the measures heretofore adopted. By the Journal of the Bishop, however, it appears that his late mission did not extend to certain parts of the Diocess, but that his visit to them was unavoidably interrupted. Your cess, but that his visit to them was unavoidably interrupted. Your Committee hope that subscriptions may be obtained from those parts in aid of the Fund; they therefore recommend, that the Bishop, accompanied by some fit person to be appointed by the Convention, be requested, so soon as his health will permit, to proceed to complete his mission, by soliciting subscriptions from the friends of the Church to whom applica-

tion has not yet been made. Your Committee further report, that they are of opinion that the assessments laid upon the congregations, to pay the salary of the Bishop, should be continued, and that the Fund for the permanent support of the Episcopate should be allowed to accumulate. Your Committee are of opinion, that it is not advisable to vest the money of said Fund in the Stock of the local Banks; but that it would be more safe to lend the same out upon interest to individuals; and they recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to make loans upon bond with personal security.

It appears to your Committee, that many of the old subscriptions were lost because the collection was entrusted to one Agent. To many of the subscribers he could not make personal application, and from several of them, your Committee believe, payment never was requested. The consequence has been, that many of the subscriptions are now lost, by death, removal, and insolvency. To prevent farther loss, your Committee recommend, that the Treasurer be authorized and required to appoint suitable Agents throughout the Diocess, to collect what now is, or hereafter may be due; and that he furnish the Agents, immediately, with a list of the subscriptions they are expected to collect.

The Committee have annexed to their report, an account of the pre-

sent state of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

They have also annexed the rate of assessment from the last year's report, with a few slight alterations, which it was thought advisable to make. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GAVIN HOGG, Ch'n.

Account of the Fund for the Due upon the old subscription	n list, ((exclusiv	Episcope e of insc	ate, 22a olvents)	May, 1828. \$1,409 00
Fifteen shares State Bank S	tock, c	ost	•	- '	1,500 00
Eleven shares Bank of Cape	Fear,	cost		-	1,015 00
Individual Bonds, -	• '	-	•	-	311 00
Cash due from Treasurer,	•	•	•	-	1,264 40
					25,499 40
New subscriptions, becoming	due a	nnually	from No	v. 1. 18	28.
to Nov. 1, 1833, incli	úsive,	•		•	5,978 00
					811.472 40

Assessment for the Episcopate and Contingent Fund, for 1828 & 1829,

		Episcopare.	Conduction
St. James's Church, Wilmington,		3 3110	£ 25
Christ's Church, Newbern,	-	110	25
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	-	110	25
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	-	110	25
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	-	70	10
St. Matthew's, St. Mary's, and Judes, Orange,	St.	} 70	10
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	-	S5	5
Christ's Church, Rowan,	-	25	5
St. Andrew's, Burke county,	•	10	5
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	-	35	7
Trinity Church, Beaufort,	-	13	3
			
Carried over.	_	£ 698	\$ 145

Brought over		5696	8145
Brought over, St. Thomas's Church, Bath,		13	3
St. John's Church, Granville.	•	9	2
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, -		S 5	5
St. John's Church, Williamsboroug	L ,	S 5	5
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,		35	5
St. Paul's Church, Milton,		10	5
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,		10	5
		8845	8 175

The following resolutions were then submitted and passed:

Resolved, That the Bishop, accompanies by suppointed, proceed to complete the mission in aid of the Episcope appointed, proceed to complete the mission in aid of the Episcope appointed, proceed to complete the mission in aid of the Episcope appointed to the Episcope and that he solicit subscriptions in Resolved, That the Bishop, accompanied by some person to be by him thorised by last Convention, and that he solicit subscription parts of the State not visited by the Rev. F. L. Hawks.

Resolved, further, That if the Bishop's health will not permit him to

go himself on the mission, that he appoint some Clergyman to proceed

on it

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to vest the money, belonging to the Fund for the support of the Episcopate, in Bank Stock, and that the money belonging to said fund be lent out at interest, on bond with personal security, and that the Treasurer be authorized to make such losses.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to appoint Agents throughout the Diocess, for the collection of all sums new due, or which may hereafter be due, to the Fund for the support of the Episcopate; and that he is requested to appoint such Agents and furnish them immediately with the list of the subscriptions they are to collect.

Resolved. That the sums for the support of the Episcopate be assessed on the different Congregations, according to the rate proposed by the Committee of Finance, and that the Pastors of the several congregations be authorized to use their efforts to have said sums collected.

George E. Badger, Esq. Delegate from Christ's Church, Raleigh, objected to the passage of the last resolution, and, on motion, his dissent is recorded in the Journal.

Mr. Bryan, from the select committee appointed on Saturday, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan whereby the Rt. Rev. Bishop of this Diocess might be discharged from the performance of Parochial du-

ties, beg leave to report:

Your Committee view with anxiety and solicitude the precarious state of our much loved Bishop's health, and deem it a duty which they owe, not only to him, but to the best interests of our Church at large, to alleviate the accumulated burden which he sustains, by his ministrations to the Diocess, and the requirements which the charge of a Parish demand. Our means, it is true, are limited, but they are comparatively greater than our exertions; the apathy and indifference of the more influential members, suffered our Church to slumber in long neglected silence; its stand temples remained as solitary landmarks of happier days, and their

deserted walls no longer re-echoed the glad tidings of salvation; their little flocks wandered into other sheepfolds; and the very existence of our Church seemed to sink into dissolution beneath the superior energy and exertions of other denominations. The gloom which thus overspread our Church, seemed to discourage every effort to build up our Zion, until a few of our members in the different commercial towns, awakened by the propagation of doctrines of the Christian faith by persons of other denominations, felt the awful necessity of again making a public declaration of that faith which is promulgated by our holy Church. Much was done to revive her drooping spirits, and much more remains Thus rescued, by the assistance of Almighty God, from to be done. the depths of the wilderness, our little Zion bloomed like the rose. Increasing in strength and numbers, our present much loved Bishop was called to preside over the interests and welfare of this interesting portion of God's Church. A number of years have witnessed the ardour. zeal, and love, with which he has performed the sacred functions of his And now, towards the close of a life devoted to the service holy office. of his Master, it has pleased our heavenly Father, in his wise providence, to bring upon him the infirmities incident to mortality. Your Committee heartily concur in any proposition which has for its tendency an al-leviation of his duties, and candidly believe that his visitations to the different congregations, comprising this Diocess, are so arduous and laborious, as to demand a discharge from the performance of separate Pa-Your Committee are led to believe, and have been so rochial duties. informed, that our Bishop will be satisfied and contented with a salary of twelve hundred dollars. From the assessments made upon the different congregations, a sum amounting to seven hundred and fifty dollars is raised, thereby leaving only four hundred and fifty dollars to be raised otherwise, to constitute the proposed salary of our Bishop. Committee believe, and in making this statement they are confirmed in the same by their knowledge of the respective congregations which they have the honor in part to represent, that a disposition to effect the object herein proposed has long prevailed, and that increased exertions to carry it into effect are only wanting. Your Committee regret to say, that the system adopted in our Church, for the purpose of taking up subscriptions, does not meet with their approbation. Instead of being effected by some influential member of the congregation, it has invariably devolved upon the Clergyman of the parish, who, dependent upon his congregation for his salary, has, combined with that fact, the unpleasant duty of often soliciting their charity in support of the various religious and charitable institutions and objects connected with our Church. Exertion and energy are only wanting to effect the great and desirable object herein proposed, and it is confidently asserted and believed, that if a greater unity and unanimity of sentiment, opinion, and action, were observed and maintained, with regard to this palpable defect in the secular concerns of our Church, the remedy might long since have been Your Committee, in conclusion, would recommend, that some one influential member of the Church, in each of the Congregations composing this Diocess, be authorized to receive subscriptions from the members of the same, in their respective parishes, for the space of fifteen years, as it is believed that at the expiration of that time, the interest of the money already collected, with a moderate annual assessment, will raise one thousand two hundred dollars.

It is with heart-rending feelings that this Committee have observed the declining health of him, whose usefulness and worth gives bright and cheering promise of the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom, and the propagation of those great religious truths, which are so beautifully illustrated and inculcated in our faith. With a firm reliance upon the goodness and divine will of him who presideth over the destinies of mar-kind, and ordereth all things for the best, we commit and commend to his almighty protection, our beloved Diocesan, with the humble prayer, that he may long preserve his life for future usefulness, and at last receive him into the blessed abodes of the faithful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. BRYAN, Ch'n.

Which was laid on the table.

The following resolution was then submitted, and passed:

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to ascertain the state of the subscription of this Diocess, to the General Theological Seminawhereupon, the Rev. Mr. Green and Mr. Walker Anderson were

appointed on the Committee.
On motion, John W. Wright, Esq. was unanimously appointed Tressurer of the Convention.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, Esq. for the important services he has rendered .as Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the congregation of St. John's Church and the citizens of Fayetteville, for their kind and hospitable attention to the members of the Convention, and that the Rev. Mr. Wiley make known the same in a public manner.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Edward L. Winslow, Esquire, for his able services as Secretary.

The Right Rev. Bishop then read his annual Address to the Convention, as follows:

My Brethren of this Convention,

Among the various subjects of general interest to the Church in this Diocess, which your own observation, the Episcopal Journal, and the Parochial Reports, present for particular consideration, none seems more worthy of special notice, or more called for by existing circumstances, than the relation in which the Ministry and the Members of the Church stand to each other, and the obligations thence mutually arising.

From various causes, the difficulty of obtaining and retaining a supply of Clergymen for our fixed congregations, seems to be increasing. necessarily adds heavily to the many other anxieties which press upon me, and more especially when I look forward to the more than probable removal of more of our very limited number. Under so serious an ob-

stacle to the progress and prosperity of the Church in this Diocess, my thoughts have necessarily been much occupied in searching out the cause, and in providing to counteract it; and I feel constrained by a sense of duty, deepened by my increasing bodily infirmities, to present the result in this way, to the attention of this body-in the hope that it may prove beneficial, not only by conveying information, but by bringing this vital, but certainly much neglected subject, closer, both to the understanding and to the feelings of those interested, than it can possibly be, while viewed with the indifference and want of interest which

our population manifests.

Religion in the abstract, and Revealed Religion with instituted means of grace, are things totally different from each other, my Brethren. Natural Religion, as it has been called, is a mere creature of the imagination, which never did, and which never could, exist in a fallen world, labouring under the palsy of spiritual death. In whatever degree, therefore, we assume the gratuitous reasonings derived from either abstract or natural Religion, as the ground of duty and hope towards God, we depart from the only foundation, and prepare the way for infidelity and indifference to triumph, under the guise of external morality. Nor are there wanting, in the judgment of him who addresses you, strong indications, from the actual condition of society in Christian lands in regard to revealed Religion, that some such deleterious principals in research and in the minds of man to give that close and ple is in operation, indisposing the minds of men to give that close and carnest attention to the subject, which it most surely merits, as a special institution and appointment of the wisdom of God; and seducing them to rest satisfied with the hasty conclusions of indolent or ill directed research, and to receive unquestioned, the comparatively modern inventions of men, as the faith once delivered to the saints. To correct this dangerous delusion, therefore—or, rather, to avert its pestiferous influence from the charge committed to my accountability, and to prepare the way for the particular subject of this address, the following preliminary remarks are submitted.

To derive advantage from any institution of a moral and spiritual nature, it is evident that the institution must be understood and applied in the extent and integrity of its appointments. Hence, as Relig the most commanding interest which moral beings can either reflect or act upon, it claims the most serious investigation, and the most diligent To expect and unreserved application of its directions and precepts. to reap the benefits which it is intended to confer, without resorting to the means appointed to that end, is to vacate Religion as a reasonable service, and to reduce the first duty and the highest attainment of accountable man, to such an uncertainty as paralizes the one, and renders the other altogether fortuitous. A state of things, when considered in connection with moral condition, productive only of heartless disregard, or of wild enthusiasm. Like its almighty Author, Religion must be sought unto; for the happiness of a future state is proposed to mankind, not as the fate of their nature, but as the reward of their duty, faithfully

and religiously performed.

The same obvious and rational principle pervades whatever is connected with Religion as a practical duty. Hence, in the provision which the wisdom of God hath made, that the ordinances of his grace for the salvation of sinners, shall be ministered to their fellows, by men of like passions with themselves—the same foundation for confidence and assurance is given, with that on which the Religion itself rests for its obligation upon men, viz: the authority and appointment of Heaven—That authority and designation to office, which was originally certified to the world by signs and wonders and mighty works, by the power of the Holy Ghost, and is to be verified to the end of time no otherwise than by derivation from this root.

As, therefore, no well informed and serious man will take his Religion on a lower authority than from God, the reason is equally strong, that he should require from those who undertake to administer its ordinances to him, that their authority for so doing shall be derived from the same source. And as, in the one case, the ground of his belief, that his Religion is divine and true, rests on the proper testimony, that it came forth from God; so likewise in the other case, the authority to act for God, in the external appointments of Religion, should first be ascertained by its proper testimony, before any rational confidence can be derived, from participation of its ordinances, as means of grace.

These appear to be principles which carry their truth and certainty, and consequently their obligation to moral beings, so undeniably, in the very terms in which they are expressed, and are, moreover, so intimately connected with the comfort and assurance of Religious condition, that it may be conceived superfluous to present them to such a body as Yet when it is considered, that many equally unthat now before me. deniable truths are assented to in terms, and forthwith laid aside-that many most concerning truths are rendered null and void, by the induence of ignorance, prejudice, and prepossession—that the effect of popular opinion, moulded into a particular form, can clothe error, and particularly Religious error, with the properties of truth—and, that the as yet loose and ill-considered views of many who call themselves Episcopalians, are all interested to escape from this close scrutiny into Religion as a revealed appointment of God,—I trust, that neither my intention in presenting them, nor their own intrinsic importance, will be mistaken or overlooked, by those to whom I address myself; and with whose comfort here, and hope hereafter, they are so closely allied. Moreover, when it is taken into consideration, that loose, indefinite, and mere general notions on so momentous a subject as salvation, operate to produce indifference and disregard, as to the external appointments of Religion, and to induce a supine acquiescence in whatever bears a resemblance to the Gospel, and is professed with a claim to superior sanctity—and that this is, in truth, the prevalent state of the public mind, in the present day,—It is hoped, that what has been said, with the views about to be submitted on the subject of the Christian Ministry, will neither be deemed superfluous, or out of season, in the present circumstances of the Church in this Diocess.

The Christian Ministry being an appointment of Almighty God, for the benefit of redeemed man, the connection between the Pastor and his nock, is spiritual in its nature—refers exclusively to the care of their souls, and has no concern with their temporal affairs, only as these affect their religious condition. Its object and purpose is accordingly expressed in Scripture, by the word edification, which comprises instruction, exhortation, warning, reproof, correction, and example—and, as necessary, indeed indispensible, preliminaries, knowledge, experience, piety and authority. So very obvious is this, as justly to excite surprise, that the qualifications derived from education should come to be so lightly esteemed, and the importance of a lawful commission disregarded, by any who call themselves Christians. Yet it is the unhappy condition of much of Christendom, as well as of our own country, to labour under the delusion, that piety, however ignorant, with pretensions to the Ministeral office destitute of all proof, indeed utterly incapable of any other proof than the mere assertion of the party—are safe and allowable substitutes for such plain and necessary prerequisites, in whoever undertakes to act between God and man, in the high concerns of salvation.

This office being spiritual in its nature, and concerned exclusively with spiritual things, must be derived from God, there being no other source of spiritual communication and authority, to mankind, but God the Holy Ghost. Being derived from God, it must be the object of faith, that is, of firm and considered confidence, that it is thence derived.— And being the object of faith, it must be grounded on, and be in conformity with, the revealed word of God; that being to men, the only ground and rule of faith, as to all spiritual things—God himself excepted, who is necessarily prior to, and independent of, any communication of himself to created beings.

Considered in this light, which is submitted as the just and scriptural view of the nature and object of the Christian Ministry, the high responsibility of the Pastoral office is evidenced, by its origin, its purpose, and by the sanctions wherewith it is enforced. And as the responsibility of the office refers chiefly to you, my brethren of the Clergy, and its importance and use, refers in like manner to you, my brethren of the Laity—I shall be guided by this distinction, in what I propose to say on

this subject.

First, its origin. This being divine, and the office to be no otherwise undertaken, than by the direct influence of God the Holy Ghostimagination can ascend no higher, as respects either the responsibility or the dignity of the Christian Priesthood. As Ambassadors from Christ, and acting in his stead, in the awful controversy between heaven and earth, occasioned by sin; as entrusted with the Ministry of reconciliation, and authorised to declare the conditions, and to administer the divinely instituted pledges of pardon and acceptance, to a world that lieth in rebellion and wickedness, your office, my Rev'd Brothers, is eminently one of unceasing labour, of constant watchfulness, of deep anxiety, and of unshaken fidelity, requiring that entire surrender of yourselves to this great work, and that abiding sense of the responsibility you are under, without which the expectation is vain, that it will be so exercised as to be profitable, either to yourselves or to others. But it is likewise an office, in which the most powerful motives to exertion are presented and supported by the brightest hopes, the most unfailing assurances; and energy and activity in the performance of duty, are prompted and encouraged, by the highest considerations which an accountable being can contemplate. The balance, therefore, is held with an even hand, can contemplate. The balance, therefore, is held with an even hand, by the wisdom of God, in this appointment. As your responsibility is great, so is your help mighty—as your labour is unceasing, so is your

wages beyond all price-as your privations are many, so are your consolations firm and stedfast as his word, who hath promised to be with

you always, even unto the end of the world.

Of the same divine character is the evidence, by which the designation of particular persons to this office and ministry by the Holy Ghost, is certified to men. The ministerial office being for the benefit of third persons, in things pertaining to God, must, from the very nature of the office, be the subject matter of proper proof, that it is derived from him; otherwise that faith, "without which it is impossible to please God," and according to which, the effect of the ordinances of Religion, as divinely instituted means of grace, is expressly limited, must be wanting, and its place be supplied, either by the formality of customary assent, or by the enthused workings of an unbalanced mind, rushing without discernment to assumed assurance of spiritual benefit. Hence, at the commencement of Christianity, miraculous gifts pointed out to an astonished world, the particular persons to whom Christ had previously committed the charge of establishing and governing his Church- These were incontestible proofs of a divine commission—and it was to these that the Apostles referred the obligation of Jew and Gentile, to believe and embrace the Gospel. The first ministers of Christ went not forth, claiming to be sent of God, without credentials suitable to their high and holy office. The world was not required to believe them on their naked assertion that they were called of God, and sent to preach the Gospel. Nor is it now required to receive any, as Ministers of Christ, upon so uncertain a security as an unsupported and unprovable asser-For, as Christ's commission to teach and baptize the nations, was tion. originally certified to the world by miraculous attestation to his Apostles personally; it is only as derived from them, by a verifiable succession, that a true and lawful Ministry is to be ascertained since miracles have ceased. And as the fact is equally certain to third persons, by the one testimony as by the other, the ground of Christian assurance is neither changed or lessened, nor the obligation or the efficacy of Religious ordinances impaired. And let it never be forgotten, my Rev'd and Lay Brethren, that the revealed Religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, from its commencement to its close, in all its appointments, in all its requirements, in all its attainments, and in all its hopes, is a reasonable service, resting upon divine faith, pervading its whole structure. Its Ministry and sacraments, then, as integral parts of the Religion, and without which it cannot be savingly administered, must forever derive their authority and efficacy from divine institution; and the assurance of faith prove a delusion, or a reality, according as it is built upon the foundation Christ hath laid, as exhibited to the world by his holy Apostles—received and acted upon by the primitive Church, and recorded in the inspired Scriptures of our faith—or, as it is assumed upon some invention of man, utterly devoid of that testimony to divine origin and authority, upon which alone, a rational being is presumed to rest the unspeakable interests of eternal condition.

To place the Ministerial office, then, upon any other, or upon lower ground, than as derived from God, is at once to vacate the responsibility of the office to him who holds it, and to defeat its use and efficacy to those for whose benefit it is instituted. For, if less than divine in its

origin, it is not perceived how any man can, with truth and understanding, say, that he is moved by the Holy Ghost to undertake it. where the only proper testimony to this its divine origin is wanting, how any thing deserving the name of Christian assurance, can be derived to those whose spiritual condition is inseparably connected with the visible sacraments of the visible Church of Christ. Nor need we be in the smallest degree afraid to assign the low and erroneous views as to the origin and proof of the Christian Ministry, which the divisions and separations among Christians have forced into currency, as one of the chief causes of the disregard of Religious ordinances, and indifference to, and disuse of, the instituted means of grace, and of the consequent decline of vital Godliness, which casts so awful a shade over the otherwise happy condition of this favored country.

But, my Rev'd Brothers, it is a part of the responsibility of your sa-

cred office, to magnify that office—not only by adorning your divine commission as Ambassadors of Christ, and Stewards of the mysteries of God, by a holy life, and by unwearied and faithful exertions for the advancement of his kingdom, but by asserting its high derivation, and by demonstrating its inseparable connection with the revealed hope of the To be silent on this fundamental subject to those of charge, is to be unfaithful to them, and unjust to yourselves; while it serves to cherish the delusion in others, that because pretensions to Ministerial character, unsupported by verifiable succession from the A-postles of Christ, as the only root of unity in his visible Church, are unquestioned, that therefore they may be relied on. We can look back, my Rev'd Brothers, on a wide and wasteful desolation of the fold of Christ, through remissness on this primary and fundamental subject. Let past experience, then, teach us to pursue a wiser course for the time to come. We can look forward to a most powerful host of prejudice and party arrayed against us; but let us not therefore be cast down. Truth must at last prevail over error—and by turning the public mind to a sounder judgment on the concerning subject of Religion, prepare the way for its final triumph over all opposition, and for that union among Christians, which forms the beauty and the strength of the Gospel.

If we consider, in the second place, the purpose of the Christian Ministry, the view here taken of its origin, and of the proof by which it is verified, will, it is humbly conceived, be confirmed. Now this purpose is threefold. The first is, the communication of the discoveries of the Now this purpose Gospel to mankind, in order to recover them from the ruin and misery of sin, and from eternal death, as its wages. The second is, to transact the conditions of this recovery, by receiving the submission of penitent sinners, and by administering to such, the divinely instituted pledges of pardon and adoption into the family of God. The third is, to watch over the household of faith, thus gathered into one body; to provide for their instruction in righteousness, and to exercise the discipline of Christ, for the peace and edification of the Church. Now, to either of these purposes singly-and much more to all of them collectively, as the sum of Ministerial duty-a divine commission and authority to act, is indispensable; and indispensable, too, prior to any performance of the duty. For, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" Or, who has any natural right to administer the sacraments of the Gospel? Or, who are

bound to submit themselves to discipline, where no lawful authority to inflict censure is possessed? Above all, who will be found to regard the discipline of Christ, unless upon the firm persuasion, amounting to fixed faith, that to be justly cut off from the peace and privileges of his visible Church upon earth, is a virtual excision of such person from the Church of the First-born, which are written in Heaven.

Evident as this must be to every reasonable mind, and confirmed as it is by the analogies of all social bodies, the subject presents itself with the highest interest to the consideration of believers, when viewed as the express appointment of the wisdom of God, in the structure of that Religion which he hath revealed to fallen man for his salvation. Religion, as established by its divine Author, the unity of the Church, and the assurance of faith, are inseparably connected with Christ's commission to preach and baptise the nations. But this commission was not given to the whole body of believers who embraced the Gospel during his personal Ministry—nor yet to his Church, properly so called; for the Church of Christ was not organized and set up in this world until the day of Pentecost. Christ's commission was given exclusively to the eleven, who continued with him in his temptations, and with whom he continued for forty days after his resurrection, "speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." It was to them, and to them only, that he said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." His passion being accomplished, the purchase of redemption completed, and a kingdom conquered from sin and death, then it was, that he conferred on the eleven, and on their successors to the end of the world, authority to plant and govern his Church. "I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me"—"All power is given unto me in heaven and upon earth," said the Saviour-"Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved:-he that believeth not shall be damned." It was when his resurrection had demonstrated his triumph over death and hell, that he transferred his divine commission to his eleven Apostles; that he "breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained." And it was when his glorious ascension into heaven, had established his supreme dominion over a redeemed world, that he poured out upon them the Holy Ghost, to qualify them for their great work, and to certify to the world, that they were messengers of heaven, and the depositories of all lawful authority in the kingdom of God's dear Son.

In like manner, the sanctions by which Ministerial duty is enforced, furnish a strong confirmation of the divine character of the Christian Priesthood, and of its vital importance to the hope of man, as derived from the Gospel of Christ. As "no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron," the sanctions by which its duties are bound upon the conscience, are all of a spiritual and eternal character. "My kingdom is not of this world," said our blessed Lord. This world, therefore, and the things that are in it, are equally excluded from the motives to undertake office in the kingdom of Christ, and from the sanctions by which official duty is enforced. Eternity alone can furnish the reward, or inflict the punishment, which await the

faithful, or the unfaithful, steward of the mysteries of God. As nothing of a temporal nature enters into the derivation of the Christian Minis try-nothing of worldly enjoyment or suffering is referred to, as the end to be kept in view. You watch for souls, my Rev'd Brothers, and for souls you must give account, not with the loss or gain of worldly honours, dignities, and emoluments, but with your own souls. There is no ours, dignities, and emoluments, but with your own souls. alternative—there is no escape from this condition, on which you hold

and exercise your holy office.

If, then, these things are so, and most surely believed among us—if they are confirmed by the standard of revealed truth, and by the stream of testimony in the Church, unbroken from the Apostles through a period of fifteen hundred years, and subsequently asserted and contended for by the confessors, martyrs, and fathers of that Church, through which we derive our succession—if they form the distinctive principles of our communion, and constitute the very foundation on which we can either claim or be recognised as a true branch of the one Catholic and Apostolic Church, in which we profess to believe—they surely form a part of that necessary edification which the Pastor owes to his flock, and without which, the expectation is vain, as woful experience proves to us, that they should continue stedfast, and be enabled to resist the various artifices now resorted to, to bring these fundamental principles into contempt, as illiberal and uncharatable, as infringements upon Christian liberty, and unsupported by the word of God.

These are daring assertions, and though totally unfounded, and demonstrably opposed to the plainest principles of the doctrine of Christ, nevertheless, the temerity and pertinacity with which they are announced, have given them an influence over the ignorant and prejudiced, under the operation of which the gracious purposes of an infallible Scripture, a visible Church, and a dividely authorised Ministry, in the salvation of sinners, are deprived of their appointed use, and the various shades of infidelity are fast ripening those bitter fruits of irreligion and departure from God, which shall complete the predicted apostacy of this

latter day.

Shall we, then, my Rev'd Brothers, become accessory to this moral death of the immortal souls around us, by withholding from the ignorant, that instruction which they will no where else receive-and from the presumptuous, that warning without which their blood will be required at our hands? May God forbid. Shall we sit with folded hands, and see the Church of our faith and of our affections, declining around us, under the influence of an infidel liberality, which claims the concession, and brands as unchristian and uncharitable, the refusal to acknowledge the most opposite systems of faith, as equally the doctrine of Christ—the most forced and discordant interpretations of Scripture, as equally the truth of God's most holy word—and the multiplied and disagreeing divisions of professed Christianity, as equally true branches of the Church of Christ, equally entitled to the promises of God, and equally safe for salvation—without an effort, in the fear of God, to arrest so deadly a delusion? No, my fellow laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, far be such apathy and indifference to the interests of our Zion, from our hearts and from our conduct. Let us, then, take the sword of the spirit, and the shield of faith, and go forth against this modern Baal, to which so many of our sons and our daughters have been sacrificed. These are strictly the weapons of our warfare, and they are mighty, through God, to pull down the strong holds of Satan. Especially are they mighty to meet this particular error, in all its various shapes; for it is from a broken and perverted Scripture only, that it derives any semblance of support.

The relation in which this sacred office stands to the members of the

Church, comes next to be considered.

This has already been stated to be purely spiritual, and, as such, to be of a more sacred character than the mere consent and agreement of the parties, to stand in this relation to each other, could possibly give to it A connection, whose results are to be determined chiefly in another life, and with which the peace and comfort of the present life are very closely united, must undoubtedly carry along with it, the highest claims to the serious consideration of every Christian people. For it is not a con-For it is not a connection of choice or convenience merely, but one of indispensable necessity, without which, the advantages of Religious condition can neither be obtained or continued.

Viewed in this light, which is submitted as the just and scriptural view of the subject, the first obligation which this divine appointment for the administration of the grace of the Gospel to men, involves, is, that men provide themselves with Ministers. No body of Christian people can continue to prosper in their Religious concerns, when deprived, for any length of time, of the services of the sanctuary. perience proves, that the most flourishing congregations quickly decline from the power of Religion, and dwindle into utter decay, under this

privation. The next obligation involved is, that the persons thus employed to minister to the spiritual wants of the people, be true and lawful Ministers of Christ. And this obligation rests upon the same ground of reason and propriety, whereby all other agencies are held to be valid or void, viz: power and authority from the principal to act in his behalf. As in temporal affairs, no qualifications for any particular office, however great; no desire to do good, and promote the welfare of the community, however sincere; nor yet any willingness on the part of others, to reap the benefit of such qualifications, can confer the right to assume office, and bind the State to recognise acts thus performed—In like manner in things spiritual, no qualifications of natural or acquired ability, however great; no piety, however ardent; no acknowledgment or solicitation of others, however general, can authorise the assumption of office in the kingdom of Christ, or give any reasonable ground of assurance, as to the benefit to be derived from it; for the benefit or advantage to third persons, is as inseparably tied to the authority to perform the act, in things Religious, as in the affairs of civil life. And just as certainly as confusion, disorder, and ultimate dissolution of the frame and purpose of civil government, would follow the adoption of the principle, that the qualifications for, or the desire to fill, an office, authorised the assumption thereof, and rendered the actings and doings of such agents obligatory upon the State, so sure it is, that the same disastrous consequences will follow the adoption of this principle in the administration of the Gospel. And so obvious is this principle to common sense, and io clear the analogy by which it is supported, that it may well excite some feeling stronger than surprise, that Christians, with the Bible in heir hands, should ever have given countenance to so palpable a delu-ion; and in particular, that Episcopalians should so far have been blinded by this deceit, as to allow their prime distinction as a Religious boly, to be undermined, undervalued, and finally exploded, by its opera-Yet that it exists among us, and is even contended for by some, o an extent which, if not arrested, must sink the Church into a sect, I have such painful proof, as has made it my duty thus to notice it, in the numble hope, through the divine blessing, that a plain, though necessa-ily brief statement of the origin and proof of Ministerial commission in he Church of Christ, and of its close connection with the comfort and issurance of Christian hope, might establish the believing, confirm the wavering, and recall to a better mind those who have been seduced into sentiments so liberal, as, in their legitimate consequences, to vacate the

sope of the Gospel, as a revelation from God.

And notwithstanding the numbers who assert these liberal noveltiesnotwithstanding the reproach which attends those who denounce them is dangerous and destructive errors—I should be false to my solemn consecration vows, and to your eternal interests, my brethren of this Convention, did I fail to assert, and to warn you, that the question of ninisteral commission is a vital question; that is, is a question of the seence of revealed Religion, and fundamental to the hope of the Gos-For, this hope cannot be separated from the sacraments of the visible Church, any more than the sacraments can be separated from the ight to administer them, as things pertaining to God. If men can be aved without the sacraments of the Church of Christ, where they may be had, wherefore were they ordained by Christ himself for perpetual beervance, and whence their acknowledged character as means of grace to the souls of men? And if they are equally sacraments, and means of grace, with and without the authority of Christ to administer them, wherefore the institution of a visible Church, to be entered into, and continued in, no otherwise than by participation of the sacraments, righty administered by men duly commissioned to act as stewards of the mysteries of God? These are questions which bring this subject home to the reason and to the conscience of every sincere and informed Chrisian, and are calculated to fortify the less informed, against the plausiole, but unfounded, reasonings by which so many have been led away from the truth.

Nor are there wanting other grounds, on which to show the fallacy of all such innovations upon primitive truth and order. On the principle here argued against, as unscriptural and dangerous to the souls of menthe unity of the Church; the fellowship of believers in one body, by the operation of one spirit; and the assurance of faith; all of them fundamental doctrines of Christ's Religion, are no longer blessed and com-fortable realities in Religious condition, grounded on the divine charac-ter of the Church, the Ministry, and the Sacraments, as the channels of that Grace through which the heart has been renewed to God, and the life recovered from ain to holiness; but mere imaginations and assumptions of such benefits, grounded on ministrations incapable of being verified as divine and true, and consequently not to be relied on, in the awful concern of the loss or salvation of the soul.

On this liberal principle, instead of one body and one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, which St. Paul asserts as the characteristic of Christ's Religion, there must be as many of each of these, as there are

existing divisions on the faith and order of the Gospel.

On this modern system of general comprehension, it is not perceived possible to give any good reason why every man may not be his own Priest, and minister to himself in spiritual things. For, if one division from the body of Christ is justifiable, why not one hundred, or one hundred million? If one man has a right to take the Ministerial office unto himself, upon some impulse or persuasion of his own mind, why not another, why not every other, until the Church of Christ is scattered into the dust of individuality? And if men, rational beings, who have an eternity of misery or bliss before them, on the specified conditions of the Gospel, were but as watchful as to the security of their title to spiritual privileges, as they are to that by which their temporal interests are held, no place would have been found for the entertainment of this dangerous error. Nor would the sophistry wherewith it is attempted to be defended in the present day, avail to continue the delusion, could Christians be roused to compare spiritual things with spiritual, to consider well the foundation on which they are building for eternity, and hy bringing their entire religious condition to the standard of revealed truth, thence be taught the important lesson, that as the faith and order of the Gospel are equally from God, both must combine, to give assurance to that hope, which the Lord Jesus Christ has purchased by the sacrifice of the Cross, for a world of sinners.

A third obligation, growing out of the Pastoral relation, is, that the members of the Church attend regularly on his ministrations; that they make him acquainted with their spiritual condition, and consult freely with him thereupon; that they hear with reverence, and judge with candor, his expositions of Christian doctrine, and his admonitions and exhortations to holiness of life; and that they practise diligently, the du-

ties and obligations of Christian profession.

This is so plain an obligation, or rather, class of obligations, and so indispensable to any reason or use in the Ministerial office, that it may suffice merely to state it, with this single remark. Thus to improve the advantages of the external ordinances of Christianity, is not only a Religious obligation, but it is the only ground on which any reasonable expectation can be entertained of edification and establishment in the faith. St. Paul speaks of a class of Christians, as abounding in the latter day, "who will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears"—And he further informs us, what the certain consequence would be, "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth," says the Apostle, "and shall be turned unto fables." Now as observation confirms the truth of this prediction, so should it incline us to take heed to the warning, nothing being better established than the fact, that those persons who are so very liberal, or so fond of variety, as to attend the services of all denominations, do rarely or never, themselves, make any profession of Religion, or manifest any other sense of its importance, than by thus run-

ning about to hear preaching, as it is called; and consequently, they are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," as the same inspired Apostle testifies.

A fourth obligation of the Pastoral relation, is the decent and comfortable support of their Minister, in a suitable and certain provision

for the temporal wants of himself and his family.

This, also, is so plain an obligation, and enforced by such express warrant of God's word, that the simple mention of it might be sufficient, were it not that a growing indifference as to this duty begins to manifest itself, and suggests the fear, that our Clergy may be driven away, by absolute inability to provide for their necessary wants, from their salaries.

That this is in some degree to be attributed to the present pecuniary pressure upon all classes of the community. I have no doubt; nor would I contend for any exemption of the Clergy, from the operation of those vicissitudes to which all human affairs are liable. In times of public distress, they ought to submit to the privations which are forced upon all; and I can answer for my Rev'd Brothers of this Diocess, that they will do it cheerfully. But where the remuncration promised is far below a reasonable compensation for their services, and affords at the best, but a subsistence, it ought not to be curtailed but on the most evident necessity; and Christian parents need not surely to be told, that a Clergyman feels the same anxieties for his growing family, that others do-or that, as his family increases and grows up, his expenses unavoidably Above all, it ought sacredly to be borne in mind, that also increase. what is contributed to the support of Religion, ought not to be the first, and never the sole retrenchment of expenditure among Christians.

This is a delicate subject, my Brethren of the Laity, both to you and to me, and therefore I forbear to extend it. But if it is taken into serious consideration, upon Christian principles, what I have said will suffice to produce a change in this respect, creditable at once to your-selves as Christians, and encouraging to your Ministers—not because of the gain, but because it will manifest a more earnest and lively sense of the importance of Religion, and of your attachment to the Church, which otherwise may, and will, be justly questioned. Nothing, my brethren marks a dead and decaying state of Religious profession more surely, than backwardness and indifference to provide for the regular services

of the sanctuary.

Permit me, however, to observe—what I think is loudly called for by the present pressure upon our ecclesiastical and civil condition, that you owe it to the community, both as Christians and as citizens, to set the example of retrenchment, in all those useless extravagancies of annual expenditure, which the fashion of the world hath entailed upon society, which is the real cause of the present distress, and which the retributiva providence of Almighty God is making the instrument of a serie chastisement. Excess of apparel, fashionable decoration, and profuse living, add nothing to our real comfort or respectability, my Christian brethren, while they take much from our means of doing good, are seriously hostile to the inculcation of Religious principle in the rising generation, and grievously impair the confidence entertained of the truth and sincerity of our Christian profession.

Let it therefore be put away from among us, as men and women perfessing Godliness; and by so doing we shall be gainers every way—we shall speedily relieve our temporal necessities, while at the same time we promote the advancement of the Church, by giving the most convincing testimony to the purity and sincerity of our faith, and to the power and tendency of our distinctive principles, to enforce that holiness, without which, no man, be his profession what it may, shall ever see the Lord.

A fifth obligation which I will mention, not directly the result of the Pasteral relation, but growing out of your connection with the Church, is, a faithful observance of the directions and Canons of your Convention. This is a duty as binding upon the conscience of the Churchman, as obedience to the laws of the land is, upon the conscience of the citizen. For both are enacted by representatives, chosen to consult and provide for the common good—the only difference being this, that what in the one case is enforced by the civil power of the State, in the other is entrusted to the moral principle of the man. This, if rightly considered, ought to ensure the most exact obedience, of the two; and if applied to the pecuniary affairs of the Diocess, will produce hereafter a stricter attention in paying up the assessments laid upon the different Congregations, whether for general or special purposes.

There is yet, however, another obligation, the combined result of the Pastoral relation and of your profession as Episcopalians, of such commanding influence, not only upon the advancement, but upon the very being of the Church in this Diocess, that my duty calls upon me imperiously to present it to your most serious consideration—And that is, the education of your families in the faith of their fathers, in the principles of the Church, of which, by their baptism, they are members.

That great laxity is exhibited by Episcopalians, on this most obvious duty, is unhappily beyond dispute. And while I admit, that it is in some degree the result of what may be termed necessity. from the circumstances in which our Seminaries of Learning are almost exclusively found, I must, nevertheless, record my fear, that it proceeds in a greater degree, from indifference on the subject of distinctive principles in Religion.

Is it, then, consistent with our public profession, my brethren, with any vital impression of the divine truth of our Religious doctrines; is it consistent with integrity of principle as parents, to commit the tuition of the rising hope of the Church, where the most that can be hoped for is, that if no pains shall be taken to impress their Religious principles deeper upon their hearts, no inroad shall be made upon them.

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Who are to succeed us, my Christian Brethren, when the few and fast waning years of our earthly pilgrimage shall be closed? Who are to occupy our places in the sanctuary, and transmit to posterity, in the integrity of primitive adoption, the faith once delivered to the saints, as set forth in that form of sound words, in which our fathers worshipped God, and enjoyed the comfort of his grace and heavenly benediction? If our children are not to be trained up with this view, and taught to love the Church the more, because it is the Church of their fathers; if the principles of primitive truth and order, recovered from Romish corruption, asserted against sectarian innovation, and recorded as the lively

dracles of God, in the blood of the martyrs and confessors of the British Church, our spiritual mother, are now to be abandoned to the fostering care of their professed opponents, vain are your labours and self denials, my Brethren of the Clergy; vain are your exertions and sacrifices, my Brethren of the Laity. We shall soon be gone;—soon shall the place that now knows us, know us no more. And then, strangers shall enter upon this fair inheritance, and pull down the landmarks of its most holy faith, and prohibit the ordinances of its rational, spirit-stirring worship, and lay waste the goodly proportions of its Apostolic order, and scatter the assurance of its heaven-derived institutions to the wild intemperance of misguided zeal and fanatical delusion.

Pardon me, my brethren, if I seem to you to anticipate an ideal danger. I am indeed no Prophet, to look into futurity, and draw from thence its hidden events. But as your watchman in chief, and charged with all the interests of the Church, I have to keep my eye upon remote, as well as upon immediate consequences, and to give the warning from

the quarter whence danger threatens.

Our danger, at the present time, seems to me to arise from a decline in the spirit and power of Religion—from loose and erroneous views of the prescribed and covenanted character of revealed Religion—from consequent indifference to our distinctive principles—and from an over conformity with the spirit of the world, and it not arrested, must soon, and certainly, produce that moral death which precedes the removal of our light from the candlestick. Against this danger, what is to be our resort, my brethren? Anxiously have I cast about, for the most effectual remedy, and my judgment can find that, no where under God, but in a return to first principles. These, through his blessing, may yet revive us to the power of godliness, and sustain us against the opposition of our enemics—yea, may turn those enemies into friends and favourers of our righteous cause, through the power of truth, plainly announced, and faithfully exhibited in practice.

Pardon me also, if I seem to any, to have spoken more forcibly than the occasion called for. Alas, my brethren, that the desire to conciliate, where experience demonstrates that concession only increases demand, should have so prevailed, as to enervate and neutralise the truth, by the qualified and doubting terms, in which it is expressed. But a more powerful motive, than the fear or the praise of men, constrains me. This may be my last address to a Convention of this Diocess, of which, frequently recurring disease, and increasing difficulty to relieve the symptoms—give serious notice. I therefore have to speak as a dying man, to those, for whom he has to give account-recalling them as christians and churchmen, to those pure principles of primitive truth and order, which alone give to the Religion of the Gospel, its practical importance, as the prescribed institution of the wisdom of God, for the salvation of sinners—which alone give to the visible Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, any definite purpose in the economy of grace—which alone give to the faith of the Gospel, its covenanted character, and to the hope of eternal life through the merits of the divine Saviour, the support of divine assurance. On these principles, derived from the Bible, and from the Bible alone-searched for among the various accessible denominations of Christian profession, but found, in their integrity, only in

the Church—I shall go. God being my helper, to my account. On these principles, professed and acted on, or compromised and surrendered, will the Church—the Protestant Episcopal Church, flourish or decline—continue, or melt away into a sect—and I commit them to this Convention, for the Diocess, as the highest proof I can give, of my deep and sincere concern for your spiritual and temporal welfare—with my earnest prayers to the great Head of the Church, that through his Heavenly Grace, they may be considered, approved and applied, only as they are in agreement with his revealed will.

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The Convention then adjourned, with prayer by the Right Rev'd President.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, Secretary.

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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

The Rt. Rev. John S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. John's Church, Edenton.
Rev. WM. D. CAIRNES, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. C. P. Elliott, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
Rev. G. W. Freeman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
Rev. W. M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev. R. J. MILLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.

Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
The Rev. Messrs. Jarvis B. Buxton, of Elizabeth City, J. R. Goodman, of Newbern, and John H. Norment, a Missionary, Clerical Members of this Convention, were not present at its sessions.

The Diocess consists of the Bishop, ten Priests and one Deacon.

LAITY.—DELEGATES.

Charles Mills, Benjamin Hartison, Christ's Church, Rowan county. David Cowan, Dr. W. H. Trent, Hon. James Martin,
Romulus M. Saunders,
Edward Yarborough,
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. John Beard, Jr. Dr. Thomas H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington. Wm. Dismukes, Calvary Church, Wadesborough. Parke, S Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Marshall R. Willkings, Edward Lee Winslow, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Thomas L. Hybart, Edward J. Hule, Matthew Baird, St. Andrew's Church, Burke county. Elisha B. Miller, St. John's Church, Williamsborough.



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SALISBURY, May 23d, 1829.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. The Rt. Rev. John S. RAVENSCROFT, acting as President, opened the Convention with Prayer.

E. L. Winslow, acting as Secretary, pro tempore, called over the list

of the Clergymen, of whom the following appeared as present:
The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
William D. Cairnes, Rector of St. James's Church, Wil-

mington. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh. William M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hills-

borough. R. J. Miller, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Philip B. Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The following named were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegation to this Convention: The Rev. Messrs. Avery and Green of the Clergy, and Hon. James Martin of the Laity; who now report the following Churches to be represented, and the following Delegates elected:

Charles Mills, Benjamin Harrison, Christ's Church, Rowan County. David Cowan,

Dr. W. H. Trent, Hon. James Martin,

Romulus M. Saunders, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Edward Yarborough,

John Beard, Jr.

Dr. James F. McRee, Dr. Thomas H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Thomas F. Davis, Jr.

Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Marshall R. Willkings,

Edward Lee Winslow, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Thomas L. Hybart, Edward J. Hale,

Of whom the following named appeared and took their seats as members: Charles Mills, Benjamin Harrison, Dr. William H. Trent, Hop. James Martin, Edward Yarborough, Thomas F. Davis, Jr., William Dismukes, Dr. Thomas D. Parke, E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale, Thomas L. Hybart.

On motion of the Rev. William M. Green, Resolved, that the Rules of Order adopted by the Convention of 1827, govern the deliberations of this body.

On motion, E. L. Winslow was unanimously appointed the Secretary

of this Convention, for the ensuing year.
On motion of the Rev. Thomas Wright, Resolved, unanimously, that Clergymen of the Episcopal Church who may be present, and not entitled to seats in this Convention, be admitted as honorary members. Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Cheraw, S. C., was admitted to a seab

The following Committees were then by the President appointed:
Committee on the State of the Church:—Rev. Mesors. Avery, Cairnes, and Elliott, of the Clergy. E. J. Hale and Col. W. Diemukes, of the

gy; E. L. Winslow, Hon. James Martin, and Thomas F. Davis, of the Laity. Committee of Finance:-Rev. Messrs. Green and Wright, of the Cler-

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Wm. M. Green, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Avery, from the 8th chapter of Bomans, 7th verse. During the service, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to four adults.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

John Beard, Jr., a Delegate from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, appeared and took his seat.

David Cowan, a Delegate from Christ's Church, Rowan, appeared

and took his seat.

Matthew Baird and Elisha B. Miller presented the certificate of Delegation from St. Andrew's Church, Burke county; and, on motion, were admitted to seats in this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop then read his Journal, as follows:

The commencement of another Conventional year, calls us once more together, my brethren, to renew our labours for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the safety, honour and welfare of that branch of his holy catholic church, which this body particularly represents. That the blessing of God hath preserved us in peace and union, in our fellowship one with another, in the one faith and hope of the Gospel—That his fatherly providence hath poured the abundance of a most fruitful year upon the labour of the husbandman, filling our hearts with food and gladness?—That his presence with his word and ordinances, gives the encouraging hope, that the pure in the base of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series is constally wind in the labour of the Series of the ligion of the Saviour, is gradually winning its way into the hearts, and more visibly ruling the lives of numbers, who had long been strangers to its vital power—forms the subject of the deepest gratitude and highest praise, and one which it becomes this body, as the representative council of the church thus favoured, to place in the front of those various mercies and blessings, for which our joint and several tribute of praise and thanksgiving is due, to the author of every good and perfect

That these blessings may be continued to us, must be the earnest prayer of those whom I now address; and by no means can we more effectually provide for a favourable return to our supplications, than by retaining upon our hearts that lively sense of past and present favour, and that humble hope of renewed goodness, which manifest a just and authorized reliance upon him, "without whom we can do nothing," and whose promise is gone forth, firm as eternity, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church. It is emphatically his cause—the cause of Christ, our glorified head, my brethren, in its fullest acceptation. It is our cause—the cause of endless life and eternal glory to redeemed sinners, in its most gracious purpose and intendment, while to us is committed the management of its concerns, as a visible establishment for the recovery of a lost world to God, our efforts can then only be put forth with hope, and crowned with success, when they are

begun, continued, and ended, in Him.

That this godly frame of mind—this humble yet full reliance on the help and blessing of Almighty God-may preside over your counsels and obtain for you the wisdom which is from above, to guide your determinations, I earnestly pray, and in the comfortable assurance, that one heart and one mind will be put forth, for the advancement of the glory of God, in the spread and reception of the everlasting Gospel, in its truth and purity, I will now now proceed to lay before you the result of my labours and observation of the state of the diocess during the past year. This, with the parochial reports, and your own personal knowledge of your respective parishes, will enable you to enter upon your duty, with the information of what is required to render it profitable to the church, and to the great work which the church is instituted to maintain and set forward in the world.

My tour of Episcopal visitation commenced in the month of July, and was directed to the western churches, in order at the same time to try the effect of our mountain climate, and mineral waters, on my

greatly impaired state of health.

In the course of my journey, I visited the congregations of our communion, in Raleigh, Wadesborough, Salisbury, Christ's Church, Rowan, St. Andrews, Burke county, and Milton, in the order in which they are named. In all of which, the customary services were performed, together with those peculiar to the Episcopal office, where they were required; and in all were well and seriously attended—but only in some, with more than seriousness and attention.

In Raleigh I was greatly rejoiced, at witnessing the lively spirit, which pervaded the congregation, on this my first visit, since resignweary, but to wait still upon Him, who alone giveth the increase, by the

In Wadesborough, the same patient continuance in well doing, which from the beginning, has characterised this little flock, still manifests its One adult baptism, and three persons confirmed, give evidence, that the labours of their pastor, the Rev'd. Mr. Elliott, have not been in vain. And though they are about to be deprived of his services. and again cast upon occasional and uncertain opportunities of enjoying the public services of the Sanctuary, they yet hope, that help will be raised up for them, and their active endeavours to obtain this benefit, be crowned with success.

In Salisbury, the consecration of the building in which we are assembled, and in the performance of which duty I was assisted by the Rev'd. Mr. Green, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Norment, and the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Wright—formed an object of much interest to some, and of curiosity to more. The services were consequently well attended, but no visible change appears to have taken place in the congregation. The friends of the church, and of whom we are desirous to hope the best, have exerted themselves to erect a house of prayer and sacred offices. But there is not as yet a single male communicant added to the church; and great fear is entertained, that their means of maintaining a clergyman will fail through the unwillingness of the members of Christ's Church, Rowan, to contribute their fair and reasonable proportion of his salary, for an equal portion of his time.

With this last named congregation, the second in number of communicants in the diocess, I spent several days, previous to that of my regular appointment for them, in going from house to house, endeavouring

to prevail with them, to continue their union with the congregation in Salisbury, upon its original footing, and thereby secure to themselves and their families, the regular ministrations of the church. My endeavours, however, were fruitless; and this large and important and

deavours, however, were fruitless; and this large and important and able congregation, are as sheep without a shepherd—exposed to be scattered and torn by enemies from without, or to melt away, into the indifference and apathy of an uncertain faith, and an unsettled profession.

difference and apathy of an uncertain faith, and an unsettled profession. At St. Andrew's the prospects of the church are not materially changed in any respect. There is, as yet, no falling off in any of the members, and while their aged and respected pastor, the Rev. Mr. Miller, is able to officiate among them, nothing of the kind is to be apprehended. Yet from their remote situation, and entire seclusion from any Episcopal congregation—from the smallness of their number, and want of pecuniary ability—No reasonable expectation can be entertained, that they will subsist as a congregation for any length of time, after his removal—an event which, according to the common estimate of human life, cannot now be very distant. My late visit to them, however, was gratifying to my feelings in many respects. Five persons were confirmed, and the prospect held out, that on my again coming to see them, I should be called upon to officiate in a new building erecting on John's River, about 20 miles west of St. Andrews, as an Episcopal place of worship.

At Milton, we have to lament, that such unshaken constancy to the church, as is exhibited by the few members and friends she possesses in that place, should still be doomed to labour under the many privations they have to submit to, and which appear to be insurmountable under the present very limited means we possess of affording them assistance. The Rev. Mr. Green still continues his occasional visits to them, and as he is the only clergyman within reach, it is to be hoped, that his zeal in the cause of Religion, and the mutual affection existing betwirt himself and the members of that congregation, will still secure to them

that portion of his time, which can be spared from his particular

In addition to the services performed in the above mentioned congregations, I have officiated at various other places in the course of

my journey.

While at the Catawba springs, in Lincoln county, I endeavoured to collect the remains of the three congregations, once on the list of our churches, in the western part of the diocess, Whitehaven, Smyrna and St. Peter's-and could I have succeeded in my purpose, it was a part of my plan to employ the Rev. Mr. Wiley, who found it necessary to visit the upper country for his health, as a missionary among them, during the months of August and September. But so completely are they dissolved, and so little encouragement was held out to make the attempt, that I could not feel justified in applying the nearly exhausted funds of the society, on so hopeless an object. As an appointment, however, had been forwarded from Salisbury, and notice was given, I attended at a meeting house below Beatties' Ford, where divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a sermon preached by myself to a small collection of neighbouring people of whom not more than four small collection of neighbouring people, of whom not more than four or five were Episcopalians even in name—and to some of the company then visiting the Springs. The same services were performed on the following Sunday in the public room at the Springs, to such of the company as a very rainy day deterred from visiting a camp meeting in the vicinity.

I have also officiated in Morganton, Asheville, and at the Warm springs on French Broad River, on my journey westward, and at Mocksville, on my return, where I had the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Wright of Salisbury. In the course of this visitation, I have preached 92 sermons, administered the holy communion in 5 congregations, to 124 communicants, confirmed 15 persons, baptised 4—one an adult, by immersion, and consecrated St. Luke's church, Salisbury.

At Milton, I received intelligence which made it my duty to recall my remaining appointments, and return directly home. Mrs. Ravens-croft's state of health, for some time impaired, had become more seriously affected; and continuing gradually to decline through the winter, precluded all further prosecution of my intended course of duty in the diocess. Partial amendment, indeed, gave occasional hope of recovery; it pleased God, however, to order it otherwise. He hath seen it good to disappoint those hopes, as to me, by her death—But most graciously to fulfil her trust in his mercy, though the merits and death of her Divine Redeemer and Saviour, by a hope full of immortality, rendering her superior to the fear of death, and composed and confident under the near approach of dissolution.

In pursuance of the resolution of the last Convention on the subject of the fund for the Episcopate-I appointed the Rev. Mr. Wiley to visit the different congregations, which had not been previously applied to. In the performance of this duty, he was with me at Salisbury, Christ's church, and Milton; and Warrenton only remaining uncalled upon, appointments were made for divine service in that place on Saturday and Sunday the 4th and 5th of October. These appointments

were duly filled up, but without effect, either to the fund or to the

My engagement with the congregation of St. John's Church, Williams-borough, being at an end on the 14th of March—and it being pessible in point of time, to visit the remaining congregations previous to the meeting of this Convention, I accordingly left home on the 16th and proceeded direct to Fayetteville, where my appointments commenced on the 21st of the month, and have visited in succession the churches in Wilmington, Newbern, Durham's Creek, Trinity Chapel, Washington, Bath, Edenton, and Elizabeth City, in all of which, I have had abundant cause of thankfulness and praise to Almighty God, for the encouraging aspect of their religious condition, and for the increasing interest manifested for the prosperity and advancement of the church. This is exhibited by the number of new communicants, by the devout deportment of all, and by the attention paid to the very important subject of Sunday Schools, in which the rising hope of the church are instructed in the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, and gradually carried forward, in the development and connection of those principles, with the accountable condition of redeemed sinners.

To find the large and important congregations of St. James's Church, Wilmington, and Christ's Church, Newbern, relieved from the privations occasioned by the removal of their former pastors, and supplied with faithful and efficient labourers in the Lord's vineyard, was an additional gratification to my feelings, and encourages the hope I entertain, that, exposed as we peculiarly are, to the inconveniencies consequent on ministerial removal, the Lord of the harvest will yet be mindful of us, and

provide for the wants of his church.

In the congregations above named, with the addition of 2 persons on Blount's creek anable to attend at any of our fixed congregations, but who have had the benefit of the Rev. Mr. Freeman's services occasionally, and of one at Hertford in Perquimons county, I have confirmed 55 persons—administered to 350 communicants—and preached 35 sermons, with the encouraging prospect, that the continuance of the same zeal and fidelity on the part of the clergy, will continue to be productive of the same happy effects.

On my return homewards, I visited the district assigned to the missionary labours of the Rev. Mr. Norment, and preached in Windsor, at Kahukee meeting house, and in St. Mark's church, Halifax town. During the services in Windsor, I confirmed 4 persons, and baptised an infant in the church in Halifax, but found no communicants. The prospects of the church in this section of the diocess, will be detailed in the missionary report, and therefore, need not to be enlarged upon here,

except that it is not favourable.

Having remained at home from the 5th to the 11th of May, I left Williamsborough on that day, taking the congregations in Orange county, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Green, on my way to attend the present Convention. I have accordingly visited the congregations of Salem chapel, St. Mary's chapel, and St. Matthew's church, Hillsborough, and performed the customary services on such occasions, and though some unfavourable weather lessened the number of attendants at the two

first named places of worship, and the congregations are in themselves small, I have reason to be pleased with the devout and orderly deportment of the members and hearers. The congregation of St. Matthew's church, Hillsborough, presents an encouraging aspect to its pastor; and in the number and description of the persons confirmed at St. Mary's and St. Matthew's (12,) mark the operation of that increasing religiousimpression in the church, with which I have been gratified and encouraged during this visitation.

As the rite of confirmation is administered every year, in all our fixed congregations, and the candidates are presented on the responsibility of their pastor, from personal examination of their qualifications, the number cannot be so great in any year, as under other circumstances it might be. But it is conceived to afford the greater confidence, as to the actual increase of religious impression in our communion, and greaterreliance on the stability of those, who are thus added to the church.

During the past year, I have confirmed 86 persons—giving an in-

crease over the previous year of 54.

To this statement of my personal labours in the diocess, I proceed to add such further information as is necessary to give a full view of its present condition.

Since our last meeting, one clergyman, the Rev. Thos. S. W. Mott,

has removed from the diocess, for reasons satisfactory to me.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott has been received on letters dimissery from the Bishop of South Carolina, and is in charge of the congregation of Christ's church. Raleigh.

The Rev. William D. Cairns has been received, on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia, and is in charge of St. James's church,

VYilmington.

The Rev. J. B. Goodman has been received on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, and is in charge of Christ's church, New-

On the removal of the Rev. Mr. Mott from Wilmington, I granted a commission as lay reader to Dr. James F. McRee, at the request of

the vestry of that congregation.

There has been but one ordination during the past year—that of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, who was admitted to the order of priests, in St. Paul's church, Edenton, on Thursday the 16th of April-the Rev. Mr. Avery, and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, assisting in this solemn ordinance.

One new building has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of St. Luke's church, Salisbury, being that in which

we are at present assembled.

One candidate for holy orders, has been recommended by the standing committee, and received—Mr. William Norwood of Orange county wholis pursuing his theological studies in the General Seminary, on the

fund paid in to that institution by this diocess.

It is proper to state to this Convention, that in assigning Mr. Norwood to the North Carolina scholarship, both Mr. Cameron and myself were aware, that the right to nominate rests with the Convention of the diocess. Yet, as the loss of a year would have been the consequence of delaying the appointment to this convention, and the occasion of considerable inconvenience to the candidate, they ventured to give him credentials, as Trustees of the General Seminary—in the confidence, that this body would confirm the nomination, which it is hoped they will do.

The subjects for your special consideration are, the propositions from the General Convention on the alterations in the mode of performing the services in the Liturgy—on an additional preface to the office for confirmation—and on the amendment of the rubric at the end of the communion service. These are to be acted on at the ensuing General Convention, and to be received or rejected, according to the opinion entertained of their expediency, by the respective diocesses—to be declared by their representatives in that body.

As I have already communicated my views of this subject, and sufficient time has been allowed to consider the proposition, in all their bearings—I will not consume your time by repeating those views, further than to remind you, that they are three distinct and independent propositions, and as such to be acted on separately, and to be sauctioned or refused, according as they shall be considered advantageous or injurious to the general welfare.

Another subject of special consideration by this Convention is, the proposition from the General Convention, to alter the second clause of the eighth article of the constitution of the church, by adding the words not the articles of Religion," after the words nother offices of the church."

As this is purely a measure of precaution, and provides additional security against any innovation in the articles of religion: as it originated in the house of clerical and lay deputies, and is sanctioned by the house of bishops—I presume there will be no difficulty on the part of this Convention, in agreeing to the proposed alteration.

As the report of the select committee on the expediency of relieving the Bishop from the performance of parochial duty, made to the last Convention, was laid on the table, and will be taken up as unfinished business. I will only observe, that the necessity, that something should be done, has not decreased—that the state of the church not only requires increased exertion, but holds out the most encouraging hopes of a more profitable return to those exertions, than heretofore. And though it has pleased God to spare my life, and to favour me with a respite from the ravages of disease. I am the less able to bear the incessant fatigue of travelling and of performing those duties to the different congregations, which, from my limited time, succeed each other without intermission.

I have received a communication from the Episcopai congregations and clergy in the state of Tennessee, addressed to this Convention, which will be laid before you by the president of the standing committee. So far as my own judgment and inclination are concerned, I feel disposed to meet their wishes, but leave it entirely to the determination of the Convention.

That the blessing of God may preside over your deliberations, and your councils be directed to the advancement of his glory—the good of his church—the safety, honour, and welfare of his people," is my most carnest prayer—as it also is, that those for whose dearest interests you are engaged, may be more deeply impressed with the duty, as well as advantage, of carrying promptly and faithfully into effect, those measures, which are here, by common consent, agreed upon, as good and profits ble, or necessary and expedient.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. The Parochial Reports were now called for, and presented, as follows:

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, Rector.

My pastoral connexion with St. James's Church, Wilmington, commenced in January last, since which time, I have

Baptised, 4 Infants, Married, 4 Couple,

Buried, 4 Persons, (one only a Parishioner.)

On my arrival in Wilmington, I found connected with the Church, 108 white, and 21 black Communicants. We have since lost one by death, and one by removal to a distance, and added 11; making our present number 138. The Bishop, during his late visit in March, confirmed 7 persons, 6 of whom are now united to the communion of the Church.

There are 90 children in the Sunday School, and 40 in the Rector's Catechetical Classes.

The Female Working Association still continues in active and successful operation. A resolution has been passed appropriating the avails of their labour (about \$100 per ann.) to the building of a Rectory.

The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, (recently organized,)

promises to be a useful institution;—It will contribute \$100 per ann., to the good work of distributing the word and the means of life.

The Church Library is gradually increasing, and is of undoubted benefit to the members of the church.

We have also raised for the Episcopate **\$110 00** For the Contingent Fund, For the Missionary Society, by collection in Church, \$43 25

6 subscriptions, 12 00

In addition to the two regular Services on Sunday, I have preached every Thursday evening in the Church, and lectured every Saturday evening in some private house. These weekly meetings have been remarkably well attended, and I cannot but think, that to this "not forgetting the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," for prayer and the more immediate performance of social religious duties, is to be attributed the "unction from the Holy One" which we at present have.

It will be seen, from the foregoing statement, that the Rector has found much during the short period of his pastoral relationship with the Church, both to encourage and to make him thankful. The continuance of these both to encourage and to make him thankful. flattering prospects however, he is fully persuaded, depends, with the blessing of God, on the increasing spiritual mindedness and zeal of the people committed to his charge. And aided by their prayers, faithfully and perseveringly offered for himself and for his laboure, for the zero and have no doubt as to the ultimate issue; for the Lord will give us his blessing—we shall be enlightened more and more with the light of the constants. we shall be enlightened more and more with the light of the everlasting

Gospel—the love of truth will be engrafted in our bearts—we shall be increased in all goodness, and at last be numbered with His Saints is glory everlasting who is the gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls.

WM. D. CAIRNS, Rector.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms, (2 adults and 17 children, 2 coloured,)	19
Confirmations,	8
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1
Communicants, (5 removed, 8 added,)	34
Adults not Communicants,	35
Sunday Scholars,	50
Sunday School Teachers,	7
The present situation of this Congregation is encouraging	g, although it
is suffered much by the removal of some of its members,	and in likely
suffer still more from the anticipated removal of others.	•
The want of the regular services of a Lay Reader has be	en much felt.
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The Sunday School continues in successful operation; and from the increased number of Scholars, and the well sustained zeal of its Teachers, promises more than ever to accomplish the sacred end of its institution. The children have been regularly catechised in the Church once a month.

The Bible Class is still continued, and it is hoped with benefit to both the teacher and the taught.

A Missionary Society has been formed, and about 50 subscribers obtained at 50 cents each.

The Ladies' Working Society continue, by the labour of their needles, to promote the interests of the Congregation.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUN'TY.

The condition of this Congregation remains as before reported. No visible increase or falling off in its members.

Communicants,	15
Confirmations,	4
Baptisms, (1 infant and 2 adults,)	3

SALEM CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY,

Baptisms, 2 coloured children.
The communicants at this place are included among those of St. Mary's Congregation.

MILTON.

I have continued to pay a quarterly visit to this place during the last year, and have married one couple and baptised one infant.

I have likewise married one couple in Lenoir county, and baptised one infant in Greensborough.

Collections for the Episcopate,	3 62
for the Contingent Fund,	5
for the Missionary Society,	2 5
,	W. M. GREEN.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 10)	12
Confirmations.	9
Communicants,	58
Burials.	S
Marriages.	2

The spiritual condition of this congregation is certainly better than it was at the last report. During the past conventional year, 12 have been added to the number of communicants, 3 have removed, and one has been called from her service here to the eternal rest which "remaineth for the people of God." And those who are left behind seem to have been animated by her example to give greater diligence in "making their calling and election sure." Yet much remains to be accomplished ere the apostolic precept "Be not conformed to this world," shall be duly weighed and universally acted upon.

The Sunday School still continues to flourish under the direction of

The Sunday School still continues to flourish under the direction of a zealous superintendent, and numbers, according to the season, from 40 to 70 attending scholars, most of whom regularly receive catechetical instruction. The books used in this school are those published by the "General Union Society," and they are found admirably adapted to the purpose. And to this institution, connected with its auxiliaries, it is hazarding but little to say, we must look as the nursery of our apostolic church. May it receive the fostering care of the great "Head over all things to his church," and be crowned with abundant success.

Collected for the Episcopate, \$110 00
for the Contingent Fund, 25 00
for the Missionary Society, 42 00

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rector.

Reports that he entered upon his ministerial duties in December last, under all the discouraging circumstances consequent upon a deprivation of the preached word and ordinances. Since then I rejoice to perceive evidences of a return to "their first love," the strong and ardent attachment of which was so pleasingly displayed by the members of the church, during the favoured connexion of my Reverend predecessor. Subscriptions have been made for purchasing a Bell of large size, and the furniture required for lighting the Church during night service. A Sanday

School, connected with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, has been established, together with a Library for the use of its scholars. In addition to these gratifying and useful results of a zeal which has been revived after a slumber of nearly eighteen months, I am happy to report the recent formation of an *Industrious Society* by the Ladies of the Congregation.

Baptisms, (Infants 5, Adults 4,) Confirmations, 68 Communicants, 3 Marriages, Burials, 3 Sunday School Male Teachers, 10 Female ditto. 14 24 Teachers. Scholars, Male, 65 Female. - 141 Scholars.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Baptisms, (infants)	2
Communicants,	15
Burials,	1

No marriages during the year.

The condition of this congregation is not an improving one. The past year has added none to their number, and from the state of the surrounding population, there is small prospect of any real interest being felt in behalf of the church, beyond the pale of those already professed as members and friends. These are few in number, but liberal in providing for the public ordinances of Religion, and desirous of their continuance. The communicants are without any known reproach in their walk and conversation in life, regular in their attendance, and devout in their deportment. It is, however, greatly to be lamented, that among the non-communicants—here as well as elsewhere the greater number—so little countenance should be given to the cause of Religion, and so very weighty an objection presented to the adversaries of the church, as is furnished by the frequent, and I fear I must say, unnecessary neglect, of her public services, by too many of them.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT.

CHURCHES IN THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT,

Under the Pastoral charge of the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman.

Adults 6, Children 8,	14
St. Thomas's, Bath,	3 children.
Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek,	8 children,
St. Johns's, Durham's Creek,	1 child,
Zion Chapel, Beaver Dam,	11
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Confirmations.—St. Peter's,	ý	
St. Thomas's,	4	
Trinity Chapel,		
St. Johns's 1, Blount's Creek 2	4 3	
		20
Communicants.—St. Peter's,	47	
St. Thomas's,	20	
Trinity Chapel,	16	
'Trinity Chapel, St. Johns's,	6	
Zion Chapel,	14	
• '		103
Burials St. Peter's,	13	
St. Thomas's,	2	
Trinity Chapel,	2	
• •		17
Marriages.—St. Peter's,	2	

In most of these Congregations there has been some increase of numbers, and in all, it is believed, the interests of vital religion have been gradually advancing. The attachment of the members to the doctrines, gradually advancing. The attachment of the members to the doctrines, worship and polity of the Church, continues undiminished, and their zeal

in promoting her external prosperity, unabated.

In Washington, the Female Working Society mentioned in the last report, have generously undertaken to contribute \$150 this year, to the pastoral support, and it is encouraging to know, that their efforts for this object are likely to be crowned with success.

The assessment for the annual support of the Bishop, has been raised in part (326) by the Congregation of St. Peter's, and by that of Trinity Chapel, entire, together with the contingent for the expenses of the Convention.

In three of the Churches, St. Peter's, St. Johns's and Trinity Chapel, the Sunday Schools formerly noticed, continue to flourish, and two of them, St. Peter's and Trinity Chapel, are favoured with the stated services of a Lay Reader.

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Families composing this Congregation,	16
Communicants,	23
Baptisms,	3

Since the Rector of this Church entered upon the duties of it, which was early in August last, he has had the gratification of beholding a manifest improvement in piety. Some persons have been admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and others are now candidates, and it is believed that a spirit of religious inquiry pervails among the members of the Congregation, which may lead to favorable results. The Rector has the Congregation, which may lead to favorable results. officiated twice on Sundays and once in the course of the week, and public worship has generally been well attended. The Congregation have

suffered much inconvenience from the want of a proper place for public worship. The building which has been hitherto used for that purpose is exceedingly unsuitable. And it is hoped that a Church which has been building for some time, and is now in an unfinished state, and which we think would be well adapted to the Congregation, will be completed by the end of the year. There is a Sunday School attached to the Congregation, which consists at present of 6 Teachers and 34 Scholars. The system of instruction of the General Episcopal Sunday School Union will be adopted and adhered to entirely. Although we have no reason to expect that our Congregation will be increased, yet we have no just cause to apprehend that our numbers will be diminished, and from the present state of things, we feel ourselves authorized to say, that the cause of the Church in this quarter of the Diocess is progressing.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Tho's. Wright, Rector.

Baptisms, (children)	6
Catechumens,	10
Burials.	2
Communicants,	15
One has withdrawn, and none have been added.	

Collected for the support of the Episcopate,
The present state of the congregation, is by no means flattering, and there is little hope of immediate improvement; as fears are entertained by some of the Vestry, that they cannot maintain a clergyman, even with the aid of Christ's church. Perhaps an unmarried man, who could combine secular with clerical duties, or, who would divide his time between the two churches of Rowan, and the congregation at Wadesborough, might be supported: and I know not any portion of our country which stands in greater need of ministerial services. Where there is so little cause of rejoicing, it is gratifying to be able to state, that the few members of the Female Episcopal Society, have wrought diligently, and by the sale of a variety of articles, and from some small donations by liberal gentlemen, they have been enabled to defray the expense of painting the church and procuring cushions, &c. for the pulpit, reading desk, and altar. There is reason to hope, too, that several of this society will soon kneel at the altar which they have contributed outwardly to adorn. By the exertions, chiefly, of one lady, \$85 have been presented for the purpose of purchasing a bell.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ROWAN.

Baptisms, children 6, and one coloured adult, Communicants,

My visits to this congregation have been "few and far between," and it does not appear to have increased in number during the past year; but it is believed that the members in general, are more confirmed in their attachment to the church; and a few of them have obviously advanced in knowledge, zeal and holiness.

THOS. WRIGHT.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGIL

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Baptisms, (children,)	•	2
Communicants,	1	12
One has been added since I	st Convention.	
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This little flock, now as sheep without a shepherd, continues firm and steadfast in the faith; and, according to their ability, the members thereof would do as much towards the maintenance of a Pastor, as those of any other congregation in the chocess: but they cannot singly support one. They therefore look to the Missionary Society for such occasional aid as it can furnish; and trust that the Bishop also will remember them in their low estate. The Sunday School still prospers, and measures are taking to unite with the General Union.

An aged and zealous member of the church has departed in peace.
THOS. WRIGHT.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BURKE COUNTY.

Rev. R. J. Miller, Rector.

Since my last report to the Convention of the year 1826, there has beem an increase of two families, and two of the Communicants and valuable members have died. In other respects, this small Congregation is nearly in the same situation that it was in then. If it has not gained any spiritual growth and increase, there is nothing visible to indicate that it has lost any. Its number at present is but 29 adults, and 37 children; 20 of the adults are communicants. In the year 1826, after the Convention, baptised 8 children; in 1827, baptised 7 children and one adult; in 1828, baptised 3 children and 2 adults; in 1829, baptised 3 children; in all 21 children and 3 adults. In 1827, buried 4, and 1 in 1828, aged 88 years. 1 marriage, 1829. At the visit of the Right Reverend Bishop in 1827, 6 persons were confirmed; and in his visit in 1828, 5 more were confirmed, in all 11. Or thus—in the year 1826, after the Convention in that year, baptised 8 children,

,	R. J. MILLER.
Burials,	5
Marriages,	1
	11
1828 confirmed,	5
1827 confirmed,	6
	24
1829 baptised 3 children,	3
1828 baptised 3 children and 2 adults, in all	5
1827 baptised 7 children and 1 adult, in all	8
r, baptised 8 children,	8

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

	Rev. John Avery	, Rector.
Baptisms,	•	7
Marriages,		2
Communicants,		S3
Burials, (none of the Congregation)		4.

This Congregation, so far as any alteration has taken place, has, it is lieved, changed for the better. The Sunday School continues to be believed, changed for the better. regularly attended, and with interest and advantage to the children, and benefit to the Church. The Working Society, by their zealous exer-

tions, have been able to apply a considerable sum to sacred uses.

The Rector of this Church has observed an increased seriousness among the people of his charge, and hopes that some have been awakened to attend to their spiritual concerns to the salvation of their souls. The Rector of this Church has, also, with the Rev. Mr. Buxton, during the year past, continued to perform occasional services at Hertford, where, and in the neighbourhood, there are a few persons attached to the Church, or friendly to her interests and anxious to enjoy her worship.

Money brought for the Episcopate, \$55,—this being the balance due upon the assessment for the last year. Collected for the ensuing year, \$45 for the Episcopate, and \$20 for the contingent fund.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 12,)	17
Communicants,	24
Confirmations,	18
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	10

Since last reported, twelve have been added to the communion, and the prospect of further accessions is very encouraging. In two instances of adult Baptism, the sacrament was administered by immersion in the Pasquotank river. The Sunday School connected with this church is in a flourishing condition, and promises a future supply to the church of well instructed Episcopalians. The teachers are indefatigable in their exertions, and the children, to the number of 60, have been nearly uniform in their attendance throughout the year.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. On motion of the Rev. William D. Cairns, the Convention stands adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

4 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Dr. Thomas H. Wright, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wil-

mington, appeared and took his seat.

The certificate of Delegation from St. John's Church, Williamsborough, was presented; and, on motion, Samuel F. Sneed, one of the Delegates named, appeared and took his seat.

John W. Wright, the Treasurer of the Convention, now made his Report, which, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Com-

mittee of Finance.

The Report of the Select Committee on the subject of discharging the Bishop from Parochial charge, lying over as the unfinished business of the last Convention, was now called up, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Rev. John Avery, President of the Standing Committee of the last year, made the following REPORT:

That they have, since their appointment at the last Convention, granted testimonials to John H. Norment, recommending him for Deacon's orders; and also to the Rev. John R. Goodman, recommending him for Priest's orders. They have recommended to the Bishop, William Norwood, as a candidate for the ministry.

No other business has been transacted by them.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Avery, Resolved, that the Convention do now proceed to the appointment of the Standing Committee for the

ensuing year, and the election proceed by nomination.

On motion of the Hon. James Martin, Revolved, that the Standing Committee consist of five—Three clergymen and two laymen, any three of whom shall be a Committee to transact business, provided two of said number be clergymen.

On motion of the Rev. P. B. Wiley, Resolved, that the said Committee consist of the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, and Cairns, of the Clergy, Hon. James Martin and Dr. A. J. De Rossett, of the Laity.
On motion of the Rev. P. B. Wiley, Resolved, that the next meeting

of this Convention be held in the town of Wilmington.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, that the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocess, be so altered as that it shall read thus:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Convention of this Church,

at such time and place as shall be fixed by each preceding Convention.

On motion of Thos. F. Davis, Jr. Resolved, that the time fixed for holding the next Convention be the 13th of May, 1830.

The consideration of the above resolution was, on motion, postponed

antil Monday.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, that the following addition be made to the 7th Article of the Constitution of the church in this diocess, viz: "And they shall have power to fill any vacaucies that may occur in their own body by removal or death, during the recess of the Convention," the consideration of which resolution was postponed until Monday.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Marshall, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop, 7th Chapter Ro-

mans, 15th Verse. During service 4 infants were baptized.

Sunday morning, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop, from the 10th Chapter of Romans, 14th Verse. The Rev. Philip B. Wiley was admitted to the holy order of Priesthood, and communion administered to 51 recipients.

Service in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a sermon for the benefit of the Missionary Society, by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, from 10th Chapter of Romans, 10th and 15th verses inclusive, and a collection

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Evening service performed by the Rev. G. W. Freby the Rev. Mr. Marshell, 5th Chapter of Remain, . . . اقب مع زاي، ج.

an mer al Montales I Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was executive.

by the Rev. Mr. Green.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and diproval. " Is a read of Bev. George W. Freeman, Rector of St. Public chartel, Walkingth

Gen. R. M. Saunders and Edward Yarherough, two of the Delegates from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Mesers. Green and Wright of the Clergy, asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the Committee of Fig. R. M. Saunders and Dr. Thomas H. Wright were added, and the Cou mittee consists of Mesers. E. L. Winslow, Hon. James Martin, Thou F. Davis, Jr. Esq., Gen. R. M. Saunders, and Dr. Thomas H. Wrig

The Resolution effered by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, to amend the 7th Article of the Constitution, was called up, and on motion of E. L. Winslow, was amended by adding the words for otherwise, after the words for death," and the Resolution as amended, pussed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Resolved, That the 7th Article

of the Constitution be amended by adding the words "by ballot," after (the words "abasally chosen."

On motion, Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and a Sermon by the Rev d Mr. Wiley, 12th chapter of Matthew, 41st verse.

4 o²clock, р. м.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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The Committee on the State of the Church, report as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully Report, that, from the view which they have taken of the subject, there is ground for encouragement, and much cause for thankfulness to Almighty God. The Bishop's Journal and the Parochial Reports exhibit the Diocess in a more favorable light than it has ever before appeared; and our own knowledge and observation confirm this exhibition.

Your Committee are gratified to find, that Sunday Schools and Catechetical instructions continue to be fostered; and that the Female Associations of industry, noticed with approbation last year, still flourish, and with increased usefulness to the Church.

But the circumstance which we notice with the most satisfaction, and which we would mention with lively gratitude to the great Head of the Church, is the increase of Piety, and the deepened senne of Religion, which appear among the greater part of the members of our commun And we cannot but hope, that the time is approaching in which our Church will be as distinguished in her separation from an evil world and her godly example, as she is for the purity of her doctrine and the pri-

mitive pattern of her government.

Your Committee, notwithstanding these favorable circumstances, regret that they are obliged to add, that the pecuniary embarrassments of many, which have operated unfavorably to the interests of the Diocess for some time, are still felt, and that we fear, unless greater exertions are made by the able members of our congregations, the Church will lose the services of some of her most useful Clergymen.

The number of Clergymen in the Diocess, exclusive of the Bishop, is

eleven, viz: nine Priests and two Deacons.

In regard to the propositions from the General Convention, for altering the Liturgy, &c. referred to in the Bishop's Journal, your Committee, without expressing any opinion upon them, would beg leave to refer them severally to the sense of the Convention.

The number of Communicants in this Diocess is about 640, including those of the Churches from whom no reports have been received; mak-

ing a considerable increase during the past Conventional year. The number of Baptisms during the past year is 138, including 22

adults.

The number confirmed is 86, more than double the number confirmed last year.
The number of Sunday School Scholars and Catechumens is not pre-

cisely ascertained, but may be reckoned at about 500.

There have been two Ordinations, both to Priest's Orders, since the last Convention, viz: of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, and the Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

There are two Candidates for Orders, Mr. William Norwood and

Mr. Joseph H. Saunders, the latter of whom has been admitted during this Convention.

JOHN AVERY, Chairman.

Which was accepted.

M. R. Willkings, a Delegate from St. John's Church, Fayetteville, having been absent by sickness, appeared this day, and on motion of Mr.

E. J. Hale, was admitted to take his seat.

That part of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, in regard to the Resolutions submitted by the General Convention relating to certain alterations in the Prayer Book, being now called up, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Resolved, That it is inexpedient to introduce any alterations in the existing forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, or office of Confirmation, or Rubrick at the end of the Communion Service.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, That it is expedient to alter the second clause of the 8th Article of the Constitution of the Church, as pro-

posed by the General Convention.

The Rev. William M. Green from the Committee appointed at the last Convention to ascertain the state of the subscription in this Diocess to the General Theological Seminary, asked until the pext Convention to make a report, which was granted.

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Whereupon, Rev. Mesors. Avery, Green, Wright, a ergy; and Mesors. Gavin Hage, Charles T. Haigh, d Walker Anderson, of the Laity, were elected. Clergy; and Mesers. and Walker Anderse

on, Resolved, That the Clorical and Lay Deley General Convention have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in eer body.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop having retired, Gen. Saunders was called to the

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved a sittee of two be appointed to wait on the Riche is Sermon preschod on Sunday morning, for p s Serwon preached on Sunday morning, for publication.

The Rev. W. D. Cairns and Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Req. were appoint-

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On motion of Mr. Hale, the Convention adjourned to Tuesday 9 o'clock A. M.

Evening service by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from 3d chapter Hebrews, 13th verse.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cairns.

The Committee of Finance now made the following Report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to submit the following REPORT. That they have examined the annual report of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find the same not only correct, but that the funds of the Convention have been managed with much ability and circu

That the whole amount of available funds belonging to the Episcopal fond at this time in the Treasury of the diocess. is \$4815 75, consists of the following items (to wit) fifteen shares of State Bank stockven shares of Cape Fear Bank stock-\$2032 in bonds of individuals of undoubted credit, and \$285 75 in cash. That since the last Convention, there has been an increase of this fund, after deducting the expenditures, by the sum of \$168 35, consisting of cash received for interest upon the Bank stock and upon the money loaned, cash for subscriptions and for donations.

The stock is estimated at what was given for it by the Treasurer, to

wit, state Bank stock at \$1500, and the Cape Fear at \$998.

They further report, that the gross amount of the Episcopal fund at this time is \$12,905 75, consisting of the available funds heretofore stated, and subscription money hereafter to be received; and as the subscriptions are only payable annually, and as the last of them will not be due until the year 1832, it is probable that there will be a considerable deduction from the gross amount above stated, for losses by removals and other casualties. The probable loss is estimated in 1832 by the Treasurer at \$1500, and should it not exceed that sum, the available funds at that time will be, if none of the principal shall have been withdrawn, \$11,405 75.

It is recommended by the Committee, that the Treasurer continue to employ suitable agents to collect the subscription money due the fund, and that he continue to loan the cash on hand upon good personal security.

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The balance now on hand for the contingent fund is \$111 61; and it is recommended, that whatever may be on hand after defraying the incidental items, chargeable on that fund, be at the discretion of the Trea-

surer, transferable to the Bpiscopal fund.

On the subject of the assessments on the different congregations, your Committee, aware of the difficulty that has always attended their collection, on account of the scarcity of money and the pressure of the times, and these difficulties still increasing, as past experience proves, recommend a reduction in these assessments, agreeably to a list annexed, (See Appendix,) which will produce the sum of \$515—and they trust, so great will be the relief, that the Pastors of the different congregations will have no excuse for failing to collect the sums now assessed.

Your Committee, in regard to the Report of the Special Committee, made to the last Convention on the subject of discharging our Bishop from Parochial charge, so as to permit him to devote his able and invaluable services to the diocess entirely, adopt unanimously the sentiments of affection and interest expressed in that Report for our beloved Diocesan, and in their anxious solicitude for the good of the church in this diocess, and in its increase and increasing prosperity; unanimously recommend that the Bishop be discharged from Parochial charge, and his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per annum—commencing from the 11th day of June, 1829, payable to him as it may suit his pleasure to draw on the Treasurer of this Convention.

Your Committee have not made this recommendation without due deliberation and consideration, and the manner and plan for the accomplishment of this most desirable end has engaged their strictest attention.

They propose the following plan to the Convention.

That the sum now to be raised by assessment as before stated,

The interest of the available fund as now reported by your Committee, estimated by the Treasurer of the Convention,

And the balance to be supplied from the fund now on band,

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It is with great reluctance that your Committee recommend to the Convention the application of any part of the principal of the fund. They would rather the fund should remain untouched; but so great is the pressure on the people, and the difficulty of collecting money, that they have been unable to discover any other practicable plan, which will with so much certainty, secure the great and desirable end.

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The present state of the church, as appears by the Report of the Committee on that subject to this Convention, is flattering to her friends; and could the Bishop devote those services already so usefully applied and productive of such great advantage, wholly to the diocess, the effect, your Committee feel certain, will be an increase of the members of the church, and the more ardent devotion of those already within the pale; and they apprehend the good thus produced will be more than a compensation for the small infringement, made on the principal of the fund, by the plan now recommended.

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Besides the strong considerations in regard to the personal comfort and convenience of our beloved Bishop, which your Committee have taken into view, and which they and the members of this Convention and of the church throughout the State alike entertain, they unanimously recommend the foregoing plan, trusting in Him who directs all things, for his assistance and support of the church.

They further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the Bishop of this diocess be discharged from all Parochial duty, that he may devote those talents so well calculated to benefit the church entirely to the diocess, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per annum—payable to him as it may suit his pleasure to draw on the Treasurer of this Convention.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to employ suitable agents to be by him appointed, for the collection of subscriptions due the fund, and that he continue to loan the money collected, as by the resolutions of the last Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed, at his discretion, to apply whatever may be on hand at the credit of the contingent fund, after defraying the expenses chargeable on that fund, to the fund for the Episcopate.

The communication from certain Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, requesting a visit from the Bishop of this Diocess, was now read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Avery,

Whereas, the Bishop has submitted to the Convention, an invitation from the Clergy and Vestry of certain Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, to visit them this Summer and perform Episcopal

duties; and whereas he has expressed his willingness to comply with their invitation:

Resolved, unanimously, that this Convention approve of the Bishop's purpose, as a measure which will tend to promote the interests of the Church.

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay to E. L. Winslow, or some other of the Delegates to the General Convention, the sum of nine dollars, it being the sum to be contributed by this Diocess to defray the expenses of the General Convention, at the rate of 75 cents for each Clergyman, according to the resolution of the General Convention of 1823.

On motion of Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Esq. Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, Esq., for his services as the Treasurer of the Convention.

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Resolved, unanimously, that John W. Wright, Esq. be appointed the

Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Green, from 5th chapter of Matthew, 25th and 26th verses.

4 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved, that the Report of the Committee of the Missionary Society be spread on the Journals of this Convention, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Documents of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society, respectfully Report:

That it appears from the same, that the Rev. Mr. Norment has been employed for the year past in Halifax, Scotland Neck, and Windsor, and that he has discharged his duties with diligence and assiduity.

A Church has been organised by him at Halifax, where 6 Baptisms

are reported—5 children and 1 adult.

In Windsor 4 persons have been confirmed.

Subscriptions have been obtained by him to the Missionary Society,

In the Town of Halifax,		845
In Windsor, Bertie county,		33
Scotland Neck,	•	20
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Of which the sum of \$80 has been collected and paid.

Your Committee beg leave to add, that from existing circumstances, they deem it expedient that some alteration should be made in the Constitution of the Society, in order to give it more effect, and more extensive usefulness.

On motion, Resolved, that 600 copies of the Journals of the Convention be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley. Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Salisbury, for

their attention and hospitality to the members; and that the Rev. Mr.

Wright be requested to make the same known.
On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairus, Resolved, manimously, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to E. L. Winslow, Esq. for his able services as Secretary of this Convention.

After Prayer by the Right Reverend President, the Convention ad-

journed.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, Secretory,

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ASSESSMENT

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Notice is hereby given,

That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocess of North Carolina, will be holden in St. James's Church, in the Town of Wilmington, on the 20th day of May, 1830.

E. L. WINSLOW, Sec'y.



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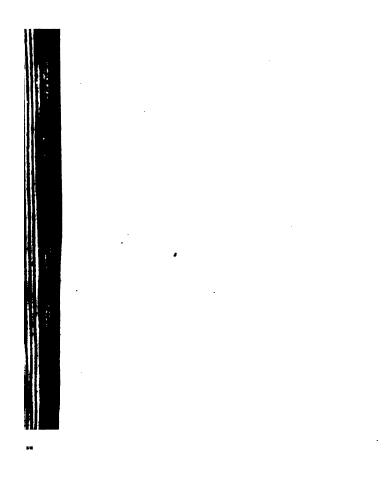
Cn Thursday May 20th, Friday May 21st, Saturday May 22d, and Monday May 24th,

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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

The Rev. John Aveny, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, and President of the Convention.

The Rev. W. D. CAIRNS, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington. The Rev. W. M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. The Rev. G. W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern. The Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. The Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

The Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville. The Rev. John H. Norment.

The Rev. ROBERT J. MILLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke County, and the Rev. Jarvis B. Burton, Rector of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, Clerical Members of this Convention, were absent.

LAY DELEGATES.

John R. London, Wm. C. Lord, Thos. F. Davis, St. James's Church, Wilmington. Dr. A. J. De Rossett, John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, St. John's Church, Fayetteville. Edward Les Winslow, W. H. Haywood, Jr. Christ's Church, Raleigh. Walker Anderson, Walker Anderson,
Geo. W. B. Burgwyn,
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
Wm. E. Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.
Thos. D. Parke, M. D., Calvary Church, Wadesborough.



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WILMINGTON, May 20th, 1880. This being the day and place for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in St. James's Church, for the purpose of organizing.

The Rev. John Avery was called to the Chair; and opened the Con-

vention with prayer.

E. L. Winslow, acting as Secretary, called over the list of Clergymen, of whom the following appeared as present: Rev. John Avery, Rev. W. D. Cairns, Rev. John R. Goodman, Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones, Rev. Thomas Wright, Rev. Philip B. Wiley.
The Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, and the Rev. William M. Green, both

being prevented from appearing by sickness.

The certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Wiley and Jones, of the Clergy, and Charles P. Mallett, Esq. of the Laity, who report the following Delegates elected, and the following Churches represented.

John R. London,

Wm. C. Lord, St. James's Church, Wilmington, Thos. F. Davis, A. J. De Rossett, M. D. Hon. Robert Strange, John W. Wright, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Charles P. Mallett, E. L. Winslow.

Gavin Hogg,

W. H. Haywood, Jr.

Geo. W. B. Burgwyn, Christ's Church, Raleigh, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro', Walker Anderson, Alexander Kirkland, Duncan Cameron, Wm. E. Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange, Paul C. Cameron. Calvary Church, Wadesborough, Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Moses Jarvis, James W. Bryan, Christ's Church, Newbern, Charles G. Spaight, W. N. Hawkes. Joseph H. Saunders. Eli Hoyt, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, Jesse B. Bryan, St. Peter's Church, Washington, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Wm. R. Harris. Bryan Grimes, Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, Frederick Grist.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats:

John R. London, Wm. C. Lord, Thomas F. Davis, A. J. De Rossett,

John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, E. L. Winslow, Gavin Hogg,

W. H. Haywood, Jr., George W. B. Burgwyn, Walker Anderson, W. E. Anderson, Thomas D. Parke.

The Convention thus duly organized, on motion, proceeded to the election of a President and Secretary. The Rev. John Avery was unanimously elected President, and Edward Lee Winslow Secretary.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were then introduced by

Walker Anderson, Esq. and unanimously adopted:

"Since it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from the scene of his earthly labours, to his reward in Heaven, our late Bishop, the Rev. John S. RAVENSCROFT, and to leave us as sheep without a shepherd, under a deep sense of the loss which the Church has sustained in his death, but with humble resignation to the will of God,

"Be it resolved by this Convention, 'That its members recal with grateful emotions, the recollection of the devoted piety, the self-sacrificing zeal, and the parental carefulness, with which the deceased discharged towards this Diocess, the relations of spiritual guide and father.

"Be it further resolved, That under a conviction of the ability with which the deceased superintended his charge, and of the eminent services which he rendered this Diocess, we regard his loss as a sore affliction and bereavement, and derive our only consolation from the reflec-tion that this blow has been inflicted by Him who has promised never to leave or forsake his Church.

"Be it further resolved, That a Committee consisting ofbe appointed to address a letter of condolence to the Mother of our deceased Bishop, expressive of the affectionate remembrancs with which his memory is cherished by the members of this Convention, and of the sincerity with which they sympathise with her, in the loss which she in common with the Church has sustained.

"Be it further resolved, That this Convention tender their thanks to their Brethren in Pennsylvania for the affectionate expressions of their sympathy contained in a letter laid before the Convention this day, and to their Brethren in other Diocesses who have united with us in lamenting our loss and have expressed their veneration for the character and memory of our departed Father, and that the above named Committee be instructed to communicate this resolution to the Secretary of the late meeting of the Clergy in Philadelphia."

On motion of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, Resolved, that the blank in the above resolutions be filled with a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen; and the following named were appointed: Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Green, and Wright, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Walker Anderson, John W. Wright, and Gavin Hogg, of the Laity.

On motion of Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., Resolved, that a Committee of

three be appointed to prepare Rules of Order for the Convention. Rev. W. D. Cairns of the Clergy, and Gavin Hogg and W. H. Havwood, Jr., of the Laity, were appointed.

On motion of Rev. W. D. Cairna, Resolved, That a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed on the State of the Church.

Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Goodman, and Cairns, of the Clergy, and Walker Anderson and Dr. De Rossett, of the Laity, were appointed.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee of Finance, consisting of five Laymen, be appointed.

'The following compose said Committee: Messrs. Hogg, Wright, Lord,

London, and Parke. On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, from the 122d Psalm, 6th

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. D. Cairns, and a Sermon by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, 18th chapter of Luke, 31st

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1830.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. W. D. Cairns.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to Report Rules of Order for the Convention, made the following report, and on motion of Walker Anderson, Esq., Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the Convention of 1827, being those now reported by the Committee, with the following amendments, be adopted as the Standing Rules of Order by this Convention, and for all succeeding Conventions, unless otherwise directed.

1st. After the words Parochial Reports, which is the 2d order of bu-

siness, insert the words "to be read in Convention."

2d. As the 3d Article, That the President of one Convention shall be considered as the President of the succeeding Convention, until the succeeding one is organized and another appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention, on the day appointed for its meeting, shall always open with prayer, and organize before morning service; and the session of each subsequent day, shall likewise be opened with prayer.

2. At the opening of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the Clergy shall be called over by the Secretary of the preceding Convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem. to be appointed by the President. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary; after which, the President shall declare the Convention organized, and ready for business. A Secretary having then been chosen, the following Committees shall be appointed by the chair: A Committee of Examination, consisting of three, to examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates, and to report the number of Churches duly represented, together with the names of the representatives present. A committee of five, on the State of the Church, to whom shall always be referred the parochial reports; and a Finance Committee of five, to whom shall be referred all accounts.

5. The President of one Convention shall be considered as President of the succeeding Convention, until the succeeding one is organized and

another appointed.

4. The subsequent general order of business in Convention shall be as follows:-1st, the Bishop's annual address; 2d, parochial reports, to be read in Convention; Sd, report of the committee of examination; 4th, report of all the standing officers of the Convention, and of the other committees, appointed the year preceding; 5th, elections; 6th, miscellane-ous business; 7th, reports of committees appointed during the session of the Convention.

5. All select committees shall be appointed by the President, unless

otherwise ordered.

6. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue

standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.
7. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place: shall with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the

President shall declare which shall speak first.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on the same point, without obtaining leave from the House; nor shall any member be interrupted while speaking in order.

10. While any member is speaking, and while the President is put-

ting any question, all shall continue in their seats, and none shall hold

any private discourse.

11. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the House, unless seconded; and if required, reduced to writing, and read

by the Secretary.

- 12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it. tion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment must be decided before the original motion.
- 13. A question once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.
 - 14. No member shall be absent from the sessions of the Convention,

unless he have leave, or be, from sickness, unable to attend. 15. Every day, during the session, there shall be public service and a sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and at night.

16. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leaves his chair.

The Parochial Reports were now called for, laid on the Secretary's table, read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

	Rev. John Avery	Rector.
Baptisms,	•	5
Marriages,		2
Burials, (1 of the Congregation,)		4
Communicants,		30
Communications,		30

This Congregation, owing to removals, has diminished in some degree in number; but the interest felt for the cause of Religion and the ad-

vancement of the Church, continues to operate.

The Sunday School, though small, has been regularly attended, and promises much good, by the inculcation of sound religious principles, and the impressions of piets thich it makes. A Sunday School Library has been commenced. The Working Society continue their zealous Besides other appropriations for the benefit of the Church and to charitable purposes, they have contributed \$20 to the Missionary Fund, which they wish, if necessary, to be applied to the printing of our lamented Bishop's works.

The Rector of this Church has performed occasional services at Hertford, though not so often as he could have wished, for the benefit of the few there attached to our communion. He has also, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Buxton, visited Elizabeth City several times, and admir-

istered the communion to the Church in that place.

JOHN AVERY.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. William D. Cairns, Rector.

There has been no material change in the state of this Church since e last Report. The additions to the communion have been so far the last Report. counterbalanced by death and removal, as to leave no aggregate increase. There are connected with the Church, as nearly as can be ascertained, 90 families, containing 260 adults and 170 children. The number of Africans usually attending our services, amounts to about 50.

Baptisms during the year-1 adult, 30 children, Funerals-10 parishioners, 13 strangers, 23 12 Marriages,

The Sunday School continues to flourish. A system of familiar lecturing, adapted to the capacities of the youthful mind, has been recently adopted by the Rector, and promises to be attended with good. Library connected with this institution has been of manifest benefit to the children.

There have been, during the season, two Bible Classes, composed of the younger adult members of the Church and Congregation—a female consisting of 27 members, and a male consisting of 7 members.

The Church Library has been gradually increased, and is of incalcula-

It consists at present of about 600 volumes.

The Female Working Association have diligently prosecuted their object—and the avails of their labor, added to the voluntary subscrip-

tions of the Congregation generally, have resulted in the building of a

Rectory, now nearly completed.

The Bible Society, mentioned as being organized in the last Report, has proved a most valuable institution. It has distributed since the last Convention, 57 Bibles, 120 Prayer Books, and 109 Testaments-in all 286 Books. At the meeting in March, we became Auxiliary to the Missionary, Bible, Common Prayer Book and Tract Society of the Diocess, and have at the disposal of the same, nearly 400 Books, and 890 in funds.

WM. D. CAIRNS,

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. John'R. Goodman, Rector

Communicants, by report of 1829, Since added,—white 20, colored 1,	67 21	
Died,	88 2	
Present number,	86	
Baptisms.—Adults, Infants,	4 32	
	 36	
Deaths,	6.	
Marriages,	7	
Sunday School.—Teachers, Female,	20	
Male,	11	
,	31	
Scholars,	176	

In a degree which is gratifying to me to observe and report, an increased religious sensibility, accompanied by evidences of solemn attention and devotional disposition, is cherished by the members of Christ Church. An enlarged and active zeal, a mutual incitement to the cultivation of a Christian Spirit, and to "the adorning of the doctrine of our God and Saviour,"—together with a more regular attendance upon the public services of the sanctuary, call for thankful acknowledgments to the Great Head of the Church. The Sunday School, which is in connexion with the General Protestant Episcopal Union, has continued to increase since its first cetablishment; and instead of an obstance its circuity and since its first establishment: and instead of an abatement in activity and interest on the part of the Teachers, an additional devotedness to its sacred objects is manifested. During the last conventional year, a large number of Prayer Books and Tracts, upon doctrinal and practical subjects, has been distributed; and the libraries of the Church and Sunday School are more generally used. Upon the whole, the prospects of the Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and the description of the Church and Sunday Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church and Sunday Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, are most cheering; and the Great Bishop of Souls Church, at present, are most cheering the cheering the character of the Great Bishop of Souls Church, and the Great Bishop are committed, in humble reliance upon His promises, the destinies of this portion of His faithful people. J. R. GOODMAN.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY; CHRIST'S CHURCH, ROWAN, AND CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector.

No very material change has taken place in these congregations since last May. Public worship is generally well attended, and at Christ's Church and Wadesborough, believers are evidently growing in grace, and "the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." Of the Church at the latter place, I may still say, in the words of our lamented Bishop, "the same patient continuance in well doing, which from the beginning has characterised this little flock's yet manifests its presence." They are now building a House of Prayer, which will be ready for sacred services in a few months. The Sunday School continues to prosper, and by some of its Teachers a number of black People are also instructed. Societies, auxiliary to the Missionary, Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society of the Diocess, have been formed in each of my Parishes, and in St. Luke's the Ladies of the Working Society are plying their needles with renewed diligence.

Baptisms—Salisbury,

Wadesborough,
Christ's Church,—13 children, 1 black adult, 14

Communicants—Salisbury,
Christ's Church,
Wadesborough,
15

Christ's Church,
TO
Wadesborough,
12

THOS. WRIGHT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. William G. H. Jones, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, reports, that he commenced his labours in this Church about the first of last March. The congregation had been deprived for several months of regular ministrations; the deadening effect however, of this privation has been less felt in consequence of regular and zealeus lay reading. The Rector has had but little time as yet, to ascertain the real condition of his charge, but from its present aspect, believes it to be improving.

The Sunday School is flourishing—numbering 106 scholars. The average number that attend, from 70 to 80. And from an examination recently held, we are encouraged to look to this nursery of piety as the most promising and fruitful source of enlarging the borders of our Zion.

In addition to the flourishing state of the Sunday School, the Ladies of the Sewing Society have organized a School of Industry, which, during the last four months has been in successful operation. Its object is the relief and education of distressed and indigent children. The School at present consists of nine children—three of whom are supported by the managers; these are taken from their parents and are to be bound to the Society until they attain the age of eighteen. Miss Braddy, a qualified

communicant of the Church, superintends this laudable and benevolent institution. The improvement which the children have already made, sufficiently manifests its utility, and leaves no room to doubt the most favorable ultimate result.

Baptisms,	•	7
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		4
Communicants,	-	57
Collections-Fer Episcopal Fund,		2 75
Contingent do.		20
	W. G. 1	I. JONES

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms-adults 2-infants 2,	4
Confirmations,	2
Marriages,	3
Rurials.	2
Communicants—8 have been added, 4 removed, and 1 }	S S
Adult members of the congregation,	60

The present Rector entered on his duties as Pastor of this congregation in September last. Since that time, the Sunday School has been connected with the "Union" of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the system of instruction recommended by that institution, exclusively adopted. This School is regarded as flourishing—the number of teachers employed is 12, and there are 65 scholars.

The Ladies' Working Society, which has been in useful operation for

The Ladies' Working Society, which has been in useful operation for several years past, has this year appropriated a portion of its funds to the purchase of suitable hangings for the Desk and Pulpit, and is now taking measures to obtain, with the assistance of voluntary subscriptions, an Organ for the Church.

Since the opening and consecration of the new Church for public workship, there has been a manifest increase in the number of worshippers; and the state of the congregation, both as it regards attention to the externals of religion, and growth in seriousness and piety, is considered accouraging, and such as to call for increased thankfulness to the Giver

A Bible Class to the attended with much benefit to all concerned.
The assessment of the contingent expenses of the Convention.
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GEO, W. FREEMAN.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms.—Adults 6, (4 white and 2 colored)—10 white, 9 colored children,—Total,	25
Marriages.—1 white—1 colored—Total,	2
Communicants—1 death, 5 additions and 2 returned who had removed—whole number,	40
Adults, not communicants,	40
Burial,	1
Sunday Scholars,	61
Sunday School Teachers,	10

The Library consists of about 250 volumes.

The Bible Class continued in successful prosecution of the study of

the Scriptures, until-interrupted by the illness of the Rector.

The Ladies' Working Society continues its labours, and with the proceeds of its industry, the tower to the Church has been erected.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

Baptisms-Colored children,	4
Communicants—Two removed,	12
Marriage,	1
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GRANVILLE

Marriage,

1

MILTON.

. Baptisms, -Infants,

W. M. GREEN.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON; ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH; AND TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.

St. Peter's.—Baptisms—adults 2, Children 27,	29
Communicants,	
Marriages,	4
Burials.	4
Families, about	42
Adults, not communicants,	60
Children, under 14 years,	80
Sunday School Teachers,	8
" Scholars,	70
The Rector's Catechetical Class	35

St. Thomas's.—Baptisms—adult 1, children 4, 5
Communicants, 26
Trinity.—Baptisms—adult 1, child 1, 2
Communicants, 19

In the congregation of St. Peter's, there has been a cheering increase to the number of communicants; and, so far as has come to the knowledge of the Rector, no diminution of that zeal for which they have hitherto been commended. The Sunday School continues in a flourishing condition. And the Society of Ladies, mentioned in the former Parochial Reports, have, by their industry, been enabled to furnish the Church with a set of beautiful Lamps, which cost upwards of \$100; and to contribute \$50 towards the Rector's salary. In the other congregations, no material change has taken place, except the addition of six to the number of communicants in St. Thomas's. The Rector of these Churches has also occasionally visited St. John's, Durham's creek; and Zion Chapel, Beaver Dam. In the former, he reports 2 infant baptisms, 8 communicants, and 1 burial. In the latter, 3 infant baptisms, and 12 communicants. On the register of St. James's Church, Greenville, he finds the names of 3 communicants.

Total number of Communicants in these Churches, 128
Of Baptisms, 41
Aggregate increase of Communicants, 22
Collected on account of assessments, in St. Peter's, 846
in Trinity, 12 50
P. B. WILEY.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Deacon.
Baptisms—1 adult, 1 infant,

Marriages,
Funerals,
Communicants,

8

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Since last Convention, 7 have been added to the Communion. The fostering care of the Rev. Mr. Avery, to which, under God, this congregation is indebted for its existence, is still continued in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Sunday School we believe to be in a more flourishing condition than at any former period. The interior of the Church has been completed, the lot enclosed with a neat fence, and the area in front paved. A Female Industrious Association contemplate still further improvements in the general comfort and convenience of the edifice for purposes of worship.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

John W. Wright, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, now made his Report for the last year, which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Avery, from Ezekiel, 18th chapter, 24th verse.

S O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Report of the Standing Committee was called for and read, as follows:

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that since the last Convention they have recommended to the Bishop, as a Candidate for Orders, William N. Hawks.

They have received a letter of condolence from the Bishops of Pennsylvania and the Clergy of Philadelphia, containing appropriate resolu-tions in regard to the character and services of our deceased Bishop.

The Rev. William G. H. Jones has been received into the Diocess,

and is at present in charge of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The Committee report, that from the inability to obtain possession of the manuscripts of the Bishop, they cannot combine with their report some matters which belong to it.

JOHN AVERY, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, in consequence of the indisposition of the Rev. W. M. Green, who, with Walker Anderson, Esq. was appointed a Committee to ascertain the state of the subscription in this Diocess to the General Theological Seminary, that Committee be discharged, and Rev. G. W. Freeman and Savin Hogg, Esq. be

a Committee for said purpose, who shall report to the next Convention.
On motion of Walker Anderson, Esq. Resolved, that the Convention

now proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Whereupon,
Messrs. G. W. Freeman, J. Avery, Thos. Wright, and W. M. Green, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, Walker Anderson, Josiah Collind, and E. L. Winslow, of the Laity, were duly elected.

On motion of Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.

Resolved. That a Committee consisting of two Clergymon and three

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to collect together and report to this Convention, all the existing Canons of the Church in this Diocess, and also the original Constitution of the Church, with all the amendments and additions which have been made to the Canons or the Constitution.

Resolved, further, That said Committee do report any such amendments as they may deem advisable to the existing Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Which Resolutions were passed, and referred, on motion, to the following Committee: Messra. Freeman and Wright, of the Clergy; and

Messrs. Haywood, London, and Wright, of the Laity.
On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, that the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of Three Dollars, to pay the assessment of 25 cts. on each Clergyman in this Diocess, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Convention, for the purpose of paying the debt due by the General Convention. On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow, 2 o'clock P. M.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. G. II. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, 14th chap. of St. Luke, 22d verse.

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. John Avery, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, 1st Kings, 18th chapter, 21st verse.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cairns.

The Rev. Mr. Goodman, from the Committee on the State of the

Church, made the following Report, viz:

The Committee on the State of the Church, respectfully REPORT.

That since the last meeting of the Convention, the members of this portion of the Church of God have been called to mourn the death of their beloved and venerated Diocesan. Removed from this scene of affliction and suffering, in which, he had displayed the fearless and devoted zeal of an apostle of the Lord Jesus; and evidenced a signal union of the Evangelical graces of our holy religion, and the unshaken courage of a Champion of the Cross, he has been translated to that rest in Heaven, which is prepared for the Saints, and to a communion with the spirits of the just made perfect in the church triumphant. The deep affliction, which his loss has occasioned, among the flock, over which our Great and Divine Head had made him an Overseer, is heightened by the remembrance of his consecrated exertions for the prosperity of the Lord's Zion;—of the direction of all his high and splendid endowments of mind, to the promotion of a primitive faith:—and of the animating encouragement which his affectionate people received from the example of his ardent piety,—his instructive exhortations,—his unceasing activity in the discharge of his solemn and responsible duties,—his pure and holy life, and his victorious death.

To record the blessings which his apostolic ministry has, through the divine favour, secured to this Diocess, is a task, for which your Committee confess themselves incapable. His praise is emphatically in all the Churches;-for within this Episcopate, every altar has been enlarged and its votaries been increased. Under his spiritual guidance, many wanderers have been gathered into the fold of salvation; and multitudes who were famishing for the pure fountains, have drunk and been satisfied. The afflictive dispensation, which it has seemed fit to infinite wisdom to visit upon this Church, and which, we beseech the God of all consolation, that we may endure with pious submission, can be estimated in its degree, by the present amount of her spiritual favours compared to her melancholy condition before the Great Bishop of souls had placed him a ruler in our Israel. Established in faith; - strengthened in the knowledge of Heavenly things,—and animated by increasing holiness of life, the communion of the faithful, has not only grown in numbers, but has been cemented by mutual love and encouraged to mutual exertions for promoting the glory of God, and the cultivation of vital piety and purity of conversation.

In this season of mourning and general sorrow, the Church, with melancholy pleasure, received the testimonies of that affectionate esteem. in which our late venerable Bishop was held by her members in other Di-

The letters of condolence which were transmitted by certain Ecclesiastical bodies, were gratefully accepted, as evidences of the worth of him who was not only our Father in God, but of whom it may be said, he was the "Chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." In addition to the promises of the Great Head of the Church, that He "will never leave nor forsake" his people, these sincere expressions of mournful sympathy from our brethren, alleviated the anguish which a loss so great had occasioned our hearts, and excited their liveliest sensibilities in the

hour of gloom.

That the Heaven favored exertions of our lamented Diocesan were productive of the most beneficial results to this portion of the Church, a gratifying evidence is furnished in her present prosperous condition. The faithfulness of her Ministers, and the increase of piety among her members;—the growing seriousness of the attendants upon her services, and the cheering proofs of the productiveness in grace of those who wait on her holy ordinances, call for devout thankfulness to Him, who has poured upon this people, so large a measure of his love and favor. From the Parochial Reports, made at the present session of the Convention, the remarkable addition of seventy two to the list of Communicants, is stated; as well as an increase of sixty one to that of Baptisms. The flourishing state of our Sunday Schools—their universal connection with the General Protestant Episcopal Union, and their close adherence to the system of instruction prescribed by that useful and important Institution, beget the most lively hopes that this nursery of the Church will be the fruitful source of correct religious principles, as well as of pious impressions and serious resolutions. The establishment of Female Soimpressions and serious resolutions. cieties for the purpose of aiding the contingent expenses of their respective congregations, and for the more worthy object of relieving the poor, calls for commendation; and from their general existence in almost every parish, we believe that the aggregate benefit to the Church will not be inconsiderable.

Your Committee beg leave to state, that within the last Conventional year, Christ's Church in Raleigh was consecrated to the service of Alinighty God, and that the congregation in Wadesborough has commenced the erecting of a Chapel in that place, which it is expected will be completed in a few months. Three Candidates for Holy Orders are now prosecuting their studies in Divinity; one at the General Theological Seminary of the Church in New York, and the others under the direction of their Parish Rectors; and all give encouragement to hope, that they will become, through divine grace, devoted and zealous laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

On referring to the statements made in the Parish Reports, the Committee are gratified in noticing the institution of Bible Classes in several congregations, and in other instances, of the regular formation of Cate-chetical Classes. The adoption of such measures for the general good of the respective Churches, and for individual improvement in those Unings which most concern immortal and responsible beings, calls for This special notice, with a hope that the example will be followed, and that these means for promoting Gospel knowledge, and advancing the traterests of the kingdom of Christ, will be more generally employed!

From conferences had with the members of this Convention, and from other sources which can be relied on, the Committee believe that the direction of Missionary exertions to certain points within this Diocess, would be attended with successful results. In certain districts, sufficiently populous for the establishment of Churches, there is, however, an entire moral desolation; and the few who are attached from principle and affection to our communion, whilst deprived of the appointed ordinances of grace, are likewise prevented from employing their influence, in aiding the exertions of Ministerial activity. It is an opinion which our Committee have not unadvisedly formed, and which they consider it their duty to express, that devoted Ministers, with Divine aid, would be blessed in their labors, in the districts alluded to; and they but repeat a statement frequently made by the proper authority of the Convention, that such zealous Clergymen would be joyfully received and engaged in Missionary services.

The Committee regret that, through an inexcusable neglect of a pre-

scribed Canonical requirement, they are prevented from furnishing a complete abstract of the state of this Church, in respect to her actual increase and present numerical strength. The want of this information, which the Convention demands by its Canons, and to which there are very few if any reasons that can be given to justify an inattention, will always deprive the Church of those data, by which alone can be ascertained, her actual condition. Should circumstances prevent the attendance of the Rector of a parish, upon a Conventional meeting, or should a parish be vacant at the time, the Parochial Report should be regarded so important, as to cause it to be transmitted in due season, to the officiating Minister of the Church in which the Convention may be held; and thus that censure would be avoided, which in our opinion an inat-

tention to the regulation so plainly calls for.

Another subject of remark, equally painful to your Committee to notice, is that of the partial representation of the Churches within this Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, by Lay Delegates. That the privilege and opportunity, thus afforded to the congregations, to take part in the deliberations of an assembly called to advance the interests of the kingdom of Christ, by their representatives, should be thus lightly valued, is a melancholy set-off to that zeal to which we have, with unfeigned pleasure, borne our testimony. Especially at this time, deprived as we are of Episcopal guidance, is this neglect the more to be regretted. Of the Churches in connection with this Convention, eleven have failed in being represented; and among these are some, that from no considerations of distance, &c. should have omitted the discharge of an obligation resting upon every parish.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee. J. R. GOODMAN.

On motion, Resolved, that this Report be adopted. The Rev. Messrs. Green and Freeman, Clerical Members of this Convention, having been prevented by sickness from attending previously, appeared this day and took their seats.

Rev. John H. Norment, a Clerical Member of this Convention, ap-

peared this day and took his seat.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was adopted, viz:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, referred to them, and find them correct. These accounts shew the exact state of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate, and your Committee refer the Convention to them as containing full information as to the present state of the Fund, and as superseding any special report in relation thereto. Your Committee recommend to the Convention, to impose on the several Congregations in the Diocess, the assessments laid by the last Convention, except that the assessment of \$45 on St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Chapel, be divided, and that \$35 be paid by St. Matthew's and \$10 by St. Mary's.

The Treasurer has informed the Committee, that some part of the salary of the late Bishop is due to his Executor; and it is proper that the Treasurer should be authorized to pay the same. It will be necessary also, that a Resolution should be passed, that the Treasurer pay the contingent expenses of the Diocess, during the vacancy of the office of Bishop, on the warrant of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, as heretofore on that of the Bishop. All of which is respectfully submitted. GAVIN HOGG, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the assessment for the Episcopate and for the Contingent Fund, for the last year, be laid for the ensuing year, except that the assessment of \$45 on St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Chapel, be di-

vided, and \$35 be paid by St. Matthew's, and \$10 by St. Mary's.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to settle with the Executor of the late Bishop, and to pay him any arrears of salary due at the time of his death.

Resolved, That the contingent expenses of the Diocess be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Chairman of the Standing Committee,

as heretofore on that of the Bishop.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocess be authorised to lend to the Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Society of this Diocess, any sum that may be necessary to defray the expense of publishing the works of the Bishop, on the certificates of the acting Vice President thereof, countersigned by the Secretary, evidencing that the Society are indebted to the Treasurer for the sums advanced.

Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., from the committee appointed to revise and compile the Canons of the Church, asked leave to report; which was had, and thereupon by the recommendation of said Committee, the Canon passed May 1827, entitled "To regulate elections," was repealed; and after sundry amendments, the whole report of the said Committee was adopted, and it was decided that the Canons as compiled and amended be hereafter the Canons of this Church.—[See Appendix A.]

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., the following Canon was

passed, to wit:

CANON XII.

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention during its sessions, six copies of the Constitu-tion and Canons of this Church, and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the following Canon was also adopted:

CANON XIII.

On the election of a Bishop.

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., from the Committee appointed also to revise the Constitution of the Church, and to whom were referred the resolutions proposing alterations therein, asked leave to report an amended Constitution to the Convention for adoption. This report was accepted and confirmed, and the Convention did resolve by a constitutional majority, that the said amended constitution shall be, and is hereafter to be considered as the Constitution of this Church.—[See amended Constitution, Appendix B.]

And thereupon it was Resolved, that the Secretary shall have the Canons as compiled and amended, and also the amended Constitution,

printed and distributed with the Journals of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Resolved, that the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, Resolved, that the Standing Committee consist of seven, and the President and two Clergymen thereof be a quorum to transact business.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, Resolved, that the election proceed by

Congregations.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Freeman, Green, and Goodman, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Hogg, Wright, and Walker Anderson, of the Laity, were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodman, Resolved, that it be recommend-

ed to the next Convention to proceed to the election of a Bishop.

On motion, the consideration of the above resolution was postponed to Monday.

The Convention adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Jones, Ephesians, chap. 6, verse 11.

Sunday morning, Service by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, for the benefit of the Missionary Society, and a collection amounting to \$97 was taken. After Sarvice, the Communion was administered to 145 recipients.

Sunday afternoon, Service by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and 10 white and 2 coloured children baptized. Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wright, 10th chapter of St. Luke, 18th verse.

At night, Service by the Rev. Mr. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, 2d Corinthians, 4th chapter, 5th verse.

Monday, May 24, 1850.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Goodman.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The resolution offered on Saturday by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, and

laid over to this day, was called up.

On motion, Resolved, that the vote on said resolution be taken by

Congregations; and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. London, Resolved, that no election of a Bishop in this Diocess shall be held, until efficient steps be taken to raise a-competent salary for his support.

After much debate, the vote on this resolution being called for by Congregations, was taken, and the resolution was negatived.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to consist of one Lay Member of our Church in each congregation in this Diocess, who shall be respectively requested by a letter addressed to each by the Secretary of this Convention, to interest the friends and members of this Church, on the subject recommended in the foregoing resolution; and that each of the said members be requested to attend the next Convention, or if he shall not do so, that he write to the President of this Convention, addressing him at the place of meeting of the next Convention, giving particularly his views and opinions of the aid we may expect for the support of our Bishop in such Parish; and the said Committee are requested to report at the next Convention.

After much debate, on motion of E. L. Winslow, Resolved, that the

resolution be indefinitely postponed; the vote being called for by Congregations, was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, Resolved, that the next meeting of this Convention be held

in the City of Raleigh, on the 19th day of May, 1831.
On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, that the Secretary of the Missionary Society be authorized to publish with the Journal of this Convention, the list of Officers annually elected, the Constitution and such portions of the Minutes as the Board of Managers may direct. [See Appendix C.]

On motion, John W. Wright was unanimously elected Treasurer of

the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Lord, Resolved, that the Standing Committee are not to understand any resolution adopted by this Convention, as expressive of a desire that they should not, if deemed expedient by them, call a special Convention for the election of a Bishop; but it is the wish of this Convention, that an election be held at a special Convention, at as early a period as the Clergy may be prepared to nominate.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 c'clock P. M.

S o'clock P. M.

On motion, Resolved, that 600 copies of the Journals of this Conven-

tion be published.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, for his services as Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to E. L. Winslow, for his services as Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that all the Congregations hitherto in connection with this Convention, be entitled to a representation in the next Convention, and that public notice be given thereof.—[See Appendix D.]

vention, and that public notice be given thereof.—[See Appendix D.]
On motion of Rev. Mr. Goodman, Resolved, that the sincere and grateful acknowledgments of the Convention be communicated to the inhabitants of Wilmington, for the hospitable and kind attentions extended to the members of this body, during its sittings.

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The President having retired, the Rev. Mr. Wright was called to the Chair, and on motion of Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Avery, for his services as President.

After Prayer by the President, the Convention adjourned sine die. EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

CVNOVS

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North Carolina, as compiled and amended at the Annual Convention in May, 1830.

CANON I.—Passed April 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—Passed April 1817.

Of the trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and, also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—Passed April 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be prenounced by the Bishop and communicated to every Parish in the Diocess.

CANON IV .- Passed April 1819.

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

-When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON 5.—Passed April 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.-Passed April 1819.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—Passed May 1821.

Of the forming of a Congregation.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the Constitution and Canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated, appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a Delegation of any number of persons, (not exceeding four,) may be received into union with this Church; and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions had been complied with.

CANON VIII.—Passed May 1824.

Respecting annual contributions.

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocess, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX.—Passed May 1824.

Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X .- Passed April 1825.

To appoint a Treasurer, and to prescribe his duties.

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall ex officio receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the fund for the Episcopate, as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interests and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI.—Passed May 1827.

Authorising the Treasurer to invest the money belonging to Convention.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most ad-

vantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII .- Passed May 1830.

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention, during its sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII .- Passed May 1830.

On the election of a Bishop.

The Lay Delegates of ne Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vots in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

(B.)

CONSTITUTION

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, as amended at the Convention in May, 1830.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocess, at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Mission-

ary of the Protestant Epiacopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocess, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; provided he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocess, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation. Provided however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Preacher who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, ex officio, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocess.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocess; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop of this Diocess shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present, and two thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

(C.)

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society

OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the Constitution of the Missionary Society, and so to alter it as to embrace other important objects, made their report; and the revised Constitution, after sundry amendments, was accepted, as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society of North Carolina.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be known by the name or title of the "Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina."

II. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, at the same time and place at which the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church

of North Carolina for that year, may be held.

III. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, (and the Bishop of the Diocess shall be president ex officio.) three Vice Presidents, a Secretary or General Agent, a Treasurer and a Board of Managers consisting of four. The President and Secretary of the Society shall also, ex ing of four. officio, be members of the Board of Managers.

IV. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in all meetings of the Society, and also in the meetings of the Board of Managers, and to

call special meetings of the same.

V. The Vice Presidents, by seniority, shall, in the absence, or at the

request of the President, perform the duties of President.

VI. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of this Society, and also of the Board of Managers, conduct the necessary correspondence, and perform all such other duties belonging to the general agency, as the Board of Managers shall direct.

VII. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep an account of the

same, and pay them by order of the Board of Managers.

VIII. The Board of Managers shall appoint Missionaries, superintend their missionary labours, and authorise them to receive such compensation for their services as the Board shall deem expedient; when they think the interest of the Church in any particular section of the Diocess requires it, with the view of preserving organized parishes from decay, they may said them in the superit of a ministery approach that the superit of a ministery approach to the superit of the superi they may aid them in the support of a minister; provided that the sum granted in each case shall not exceed \$300 per annum; and when the funds will permit it, they may aid young men who are studying for the ministry, and who shall, in such case, after they take orders, be bound to act as Missionaries, as long as the Board think proper, provided that it exceed not one year.

IX. Persons shall be appointed in various parts of the State, to solicit such aid for the support of the general objects of the Society, as the pious and well disposed may be inclined to contribute, and to transmit the

same to the Treasurer, together with the names of subscribers.

X. There may be in each parish in the Diocess, an auxiliary to this Society, of which the Rector shall be ex officio President; but when there is no Rector, the members composing the auxiliary may appoint a President pro tempore. Each member of said auxiliary subscribing two dollars per annum, shall be a member of this Society, and each one subscribing twenty dollars, shall be a member of this Society for life. shall be the duty of the Treasurer of each auxiliary to forward to this Society at their annual meeting, the amount of contributions raised, he being entitled to receive Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts to the value of

one fifth of the amount thus contributed, upon the sequest of the President of the same. It shall also be the duty of every Rector, or other minister in this Diocess, who may be a member of this Society, to use his influence in his parish to have an auxiliary formed therein.

XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two

thirds of the attending members, at any annual meeting of the Society.

XII. The members attending, shall always constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by the Rev. Mr.

Cairns, were then unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the late lamented Bishop of this Diocess has bequeathed to the "Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina," the copy right of certain unpublished manuscripts, &c., with the profits thence arising, to aid and assist the said Society in carrying their laudable objects into operation,—therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive and publish, as soon as possible, the manuscripts &c, thus liberally bequeathed to us; and that the rich legacy thus left us may be as perfect as the present exigency will permit it to be, by uniting therewith a suitable history of our venerated Father's life, and a reprint of his already published works.

Resolved also, That the Rev. Wm. M. Green and Walker Anderson, Esq., be requested to prepare, as soon as possible, a suitable Biography

to be prefixed to the first volume.

That the Rev. John Avery be requested to revise and arrange the Sermons, Episcopal Charges, and Controversial Tracts already printed, to

be republished in a separate volume, and
That Wm. C. Lord, Esq., of Wilmington, be requested to place at the disposal of the Society, the Portrait of the Bishop now in his possession, that they may obtain an octave print to be prefixed to the first volume of each copy of his works.

The Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman and Cairns were appointed on the

committee for publication.

On motion of Gavin Hogg, Esq., it was resolved, that the committee appointed to publish the works of the late Bishop, be requested and authorised to secure the copy right of the works in trust for the Society.

The Society then entered into an election of Officers for the ensuing

year, and the following were duly chosen:

Dr. Armand J. De Rosset, John R. London, Esq. Vice Presidents. CHARLES T. HAIGH, Esq. Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, Secretary. John W. Wright, Esq. Treasurer. Thos. F. Davis, Jun'r, Dr. JAMES F. McREE, Board of Managers. Rev. WM. G. H. Jones, JAMES S. GREEN, Esq. The Society then adjourned.

WM. D. CAIRNS, Secretary.

(D.)

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS IN THIS DIOCESS.

(Published by order of the Convention.)

St. James's Church, Wilmington. Christ's Church, Newbern. St. John's Church, Fayetteville. St. Paul's Church, Edenton. Christ's Church, Raleigh. St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county. St. Jude's Church, Orange county. St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. Christ's Church, Rowan county. Calvary Church, Wadesborough. Christ's Church, Elizabeth City. St. Andrew's Church, Burke county. St. Peter's Church, Washington. Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county. Zion Church, Beaufort county. St. Thomas's, Bath, Beaufort county. St. James's, Greenville, Pitt county. Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. St. John's Church, Williamsborough. Grace Chapel, Pitt county. St. Mark's Church, Halifax county. St. Michael's Church, Iredell county St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Davidson county: White Haven Church, Lincoln county. Smyrna Church, Lincoln county. St. Peter's Church, Lincoln county. St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, Granville county. St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir county. St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, Caswell county.
Union Church, Waynesborough, Wayne county.

The above List has been made out by a reference to the Journals of the Convention. The Secretary is not certain that it is correct, as to all the Congregations named, and would be much obliged if the friends of the Church, in the different sections of the Diocess, would inform him, at the next Convention, should they discover any omission, or any Congregations named that have ceased to exist.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Fund fo	r the sup	port of	the Episcopate	consists of		
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ASSESSMENT

Laid on the different Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and the Contingent Fund, May 1830.

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	Bishop's Salary. 890	Contingent Fund. \$20
Christ's Church, Newbern,	75	20
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	7.5	20
St. Paul's Church, Edenton.	45	20
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	S5	7
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,	35	7 50
St. Mary's Chapel, Orange,	10	
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	15	4
Christ's Church, Rowan,	15	4
St. Audrew's Church, Burke,	10	4
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	10	4
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	15	4
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	20	4
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	25	4
Trinity Church, Beaufort,	10	2 50
St. Thomas's Church, Bath,	10	2 50
St. John's Church, Beaufort,	5	1 50
St. Paul's Church, Milton,	5	1 50
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	10	4

[The following part of the Journal of the visit of our Bishop to Tennessee, has been found among his papers. Although obtained after the Journal of the Convention was prepared for publication, yet as every thing in any way connected with our venerated and departed Diocesan, has an abiding and continuing interest in this Diocess, and every thing he did or said gave evidence of his deep and active piety, it has been thought best to publish it.]

JOURNAL

Of my Visit to the State of Tennessee.

June 13, 1829.—Having received a very pressing invitation from the Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, to visit them, for the purpose of performing Episcopal duties, and for the general advantage of the Church in the West; which invitation was approved of by the Convention of this Diocess, and my visit to them recommended as promising benefit to the Church, and also to my own declining health—I left my home in Williamsborough on this day, in the public stage, in order to fulfil this duty; intending to proceed through Kentucky, if my health and strength will bear it, in order to attend the General Convention of the Church in Philadelphia on the 12th of August.

June 16.—At Beattie's Ford, on the Catawba River, baptised three children, viz: Sarah Virginia, and Julia Augusta, daughters of Alfred M. and Elizabeth Burton, and David Burton, infant son of David Clayton and Eliza his wife. Several of the neighbors were collected at Mr. Clayton's, which enabled me to use the public office for baptism.

My journey to Nashville was as pleasant as the kind of conveyance

My journey to Nashville was as pleasant as the kind of conveyance and the nature of the roads would permit; these are very rough in the Limestone country, and made the more so by a practice of driving rapidly down every hill, no matter how ateep, rough, and rocky it may be; and in West Tennessee, where the Limestone strata are horizontal, the slopes are like the steps of stairs, from the alternate layers of the rock and a thin decomposition of soil, which has been washed away by the rains.

I found the accommodations uniformly good—indeed preferable to what they are on any stage route I have travelled south of Petersburg; and the charges most moderate—with a few exceptions 25 cents a meal, and that good and plentiful. The people orderly and civil in their deportment, and certainly more civilized and intelligent in their appearance and conversation, than the same class of men in Virginia and North Carolina. As a proof of this, I met with but one drunken man in Tennessee. He was a Northern man, a mechanic, who got into the stage at Newport, for Knoxville, and next day took very kindly the reproof and

admonition I felt it my duty to give. So far as my very hurried opportunity may serve for the ground of an opinion, I think the population of East Tennessee preferable, upon the whole. The country is more of a farming country, and the habits more domestic, and attentive to domestic accommodations. The little country seats are neither as large or as well built as in West Tennessee, but there are more farms, more meadows, more stock, and fewer black people to be seen. It is more like the south western part of Pennsylvania, through which I subsequently travelled.

I had no opportunity of ascertaining the Religious condition of the people. There are of all the Religious denominations among them; but the bulk of the people, it is to be feared, as every where in the United States, perffips in Christendom, have no visible connection with the

Gospel,

June 25.—Reached Nashville, by the way of Morganton, the Warm prings, and Knoxville. Met the Rev. Mr. John Davis, at the Hotel, Springs, and Knoxville. expecting me, according to my notice to the Rev. Mr. Otey. Mr. Davis has been acting as a Missionary, from the General Missionary Society, since the winter of 1826-27.

June 26.—Was gratified by the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Stephens, of the Diocess of Virginia, in the stage from Franklin this morning-who informs me, that he removes to Tennessee, having taken charge of the Female Academy in Columbia. In the course of the forenoon, I removed to Dr. John Shelby's, as my residence, while in Nashville, as did also Dr. Stephens.

June 27.—Rev. Mr. Qtev arrived, and enabled me to make arrangements for commencing our services. Having no Episcopal place of wership as yet, the services were performed in the houses for worship belonging to the other denominations, all of whom were earnest in pressing our use of them—the Methodists in particular.

June 28.—Morning Prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Otey, after which I preached on the Jailer's question to St. Paul; and on Access to God only through Christ, in the afternoon. Full and very attentive Congregations.

June 29.—After Divine Service by the Rev. Dr. Stephens, I preached in the forencon, on Faith in Christ the only condition of salvation.

June 30.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Davis, after which I preached on Confession of Christ.

July 1.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey; after the 2d Lesson I baptised three children. I then preached on Confirmation, and administered the rite to four persons.

July 2.—After Morning Prayer, two persons, who could not attend yesterday, were confirmed. I then preached on the nature and design of the Holy Communion, and administered that Holy Ordinance to about 30 persons, a majority of whom were of the other denominations.

All our services, particularly those more directly Episcopal, are noticed with a very interest; but here, as alas is the case throughout, Preaching is the great attraction—to hear Preaching is considered the sum and substance of Religion.

On the 1st of July, Depaties from the different Episcopal Congregations in Tennessee met in Nashville, according to previous notice, in order to frame a Constitution for the Church, enact Canons, and organize as a Diocess.

Having succeeded in forming a Convention, a deputation was directed to present to me a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting me to preside over their deliberations, which was duly acknowledged and acceded to on my part, and the business conducted to a happy and harmonious conclusion. Deputies being elected to attend the ensuing General Convention of the Church, and to request admission for the newly organized Diocess into the General Union of the Pro-

testant Episcopal Church in the United States.

During my short stay in Nashville, I have been greatly delighted and encouraged by the interest manifested among the members and friends of the Church, for the advancement of religion, and for the attainment of regular and fixed services for the congregation once organized in the City, but broken and scattered by the hasty and unfortunate employment of the Rev. Mr. Howell, now suspended indefinitely from the ministry. Owing to the part which duty obliged me to take in that unhappy affair, not a few of the Vestry were disposed to look unfavourably upon me; but reflection and more correct information, have produced their slow but sure effect, and I find them all zealous for putting the congregation once more upon a regular footing, and for exerting themselves to build a Church and obtain a resident minister. The Vestry accordingly has been elected; subscription papers are out to raise funds for the building, to which a considerable sum is already subscribed, and I am authorized to employ a Clergyman, and to engage \$800 certain as salary. And praised be God, not a few of their chief men seem to be very seriously impressed with the public and private opportunities I have been furnished with, to press upon their consciences, the plain and simple truths of Christ's religion, and particularly the commanding truth, that no benetit can be expected from the undertaking of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners, unless the sinners he died to save, do openly embrace the Gospel, become members of his visible Church, and conform in heart and life to the conditions on which he promises eternal life, to all his saithful sollowers.

July 3.-Left Nashville in company with the Rev. Dr. Otey, to visit

the Congregations under his charge.

July 4.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which, I con-

firmed seven persons, and preached on God is witness.

July 5 .- Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which I preached on Access to God only through Christ, and administered the Com-

munion to sixteen persons, chiefly, if not entirely Episcopalians.

July 6.—Divine Service this morning by the Rev. Dr. Otey; after the second Lesson, I baptized two children and preached on the Jailer's

Question to St. Paul.

In the afternoon the Services were again performed, and I preached

on Confession of Christ.

July 7.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which I preached on Faith in Christ, the only condition of salvation. My visit to this improving little place has been very gratifying, and proves very clearly, the value of Dr. Otey's services to the Church and religion, notwithstanding he is confined and encumbered with the charge of the Academy.-

Though the state of the weather was very unfavourable, particularly on Sunday, yet numerous and attentive congregations were present, both in the morning and at night.

The members and friends of the Church feel themselves strengthened

The members and friends of the Church feel themselves strengthened and encouraged; not a few find their previous serious impressions deepened, and through the divine blessing, there is ground to hope that our la-

bour shall not be in vain.

Our services were performed in the Hall of the Masonic Society, which has hitherto been used for the Episcopal congregation. But measures are now heartily taken to build a Church, and though few in number, their zand I think, will carry it through.

Notice is hereby given,

That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocess of North Carolina, will be held in Christ's Church, Raleigh, on the 19th day of May, 1831.

E. L. WINSLOW, Sec'ry.

